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GAY PRIDE MONTH



Senate candidate Themis Klarides, kissed by her husband, has supported gay rights for decades. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

GOP tweets generate backlash

Klarides, Stefanowski hit from both sides over public support

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The two convention-endorsed Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate and governor joined the June 1 rainbow wave with tweets marking the start of Pride Month.

But the tweets by Themis Klarides and Bob Stefanowski were immediately blasted by Twitter commenters who alternately charged the Republicans with virtue signaling and being the same as Democrats.

A supporter of gay rights for nearly 25 years, Klarides said in an interview that she would not be deterred by detractors who condemned her tweet.

“Here in Connecticut, we have so much to be proud of — but there is still work to be done to ensure ALL of us are equal,” Klarides wrote. “Let’s take this month to reflect on the great contributions LGBTQ+ Americans have given to this country.”

Those comments were rejected online by some who questioned whether Americans are unequal.

“Where is the inequality

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DEATH OF MUBARAK SOULEMANE

TROOPER ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

North faces up to 20 years in prison for role in fatal 2020 police shooting after car chase

Attorney for victim’s family said he hopes case will echo across US, change policing culture



Connecticut state trooper Brian North, center, leaves Milford Superior Court on Thursday, where he entered a plea of not guilty on charges of first-degree manslaughter with a firearm in the 2020 shooting death of Mubarak Soulemane. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS**

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Brian North, the Connecticut state trooper charged with manslaughter in the 2020 shooting death of Mubarak Soulemane, appeared in Milford Superior Court on Thursday morning and entered a plea of not guilty.

Thursday marked North’s second court appearance since he was charged in April with first-degree manslaughter with a firearm.

North was arraigned in May after Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr. released a lengthy report in which he said North used unjustified force when shooting death of Soulemane. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a mandatory minimum of five years behind bars if convicted. He has been free



Omo Klusum Mohammed, the mother of Mubarak Soulemane, told the crowd of reporters outside Milford Superior Court on Thursday that for her, justice means seeing North behind bars.

after turning himself in on April 19 and posting bail of \$50,000.

Soulemane was fatally shot at the end of a high-speed chase in a stolen car on Jan. 15, 2020. Video from the scene shows troopers and a West Haven police officer descend on the car after it was stopped off Exit 43 of Interstate 95 North and blocked by police cars.

A video of the shooting shows North firing into the car after the trooper allegedly saw Soulemane with a knife.

North left the courthouse flanked by fellow officers and his attorneys, an arm linked with his girlfriend. His attorneys declined to comment.

Soulemane’s family gathered on the sidewalk outside the courthouse Thursday with the

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Dems look to push gun bill forward

House panel debates measure; Biden calls for action in address

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House worked swiftly Thursday to put its stamp on gun legislation in response to mass shootings in Texas and New York by 18-year-old assailants who used semi-automatic rifles to kill 31 people, including 19 children.

President Joe Biden later delivered an impassioned prime-time plea to Congress to act on gun control, calling on lawmakers to restore limits on the sale of assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines.

“How much more carnage are we willing to accept?” Biden said after last week’s shootings by an 18-year-old gunman, who killed 19 students and two teachers at



Rep. Lucy McBath, D-Ga., left, is comforted by Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., and Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, D-Pa., after her plea for action on a gun bill Thursday during an emergency meeting of the House Judiciary Committee. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and another attack on Wednesday in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where a gunman shot and killed four people and himself at a medical office.

Those came after the May 14 assault in Buffalo, New York, where a white 18-year-old opened fire with a rifle at a supermarket in a predominantly Black neighborhood, killing 10 people in what authorities described as “racially motivated

violent extremism.”

Partisan positions were clear earlier at a Judiciary Committee hearing on legislation that would raise the age limit for purchasing semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21. The bill also would make it a federal offense to import, manufacture or possess large-capacity magazines and would create a grant program to buy back such magazines.

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BRIDGEPORT SUPERIOR COURT

Man sentenced to prison in reckless driving death

Family seeks better enforcement of law

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

BRIDGEPORT — Immediately after a father of two was sentenced to prison for recklessly killing a Fairfield tow truck driver with his car, the victim’s family made a plea on the courthouse steps Thursday for tougher enforcement of the “Move Over” law.

“The death of my brother was tragic and avoidable. When Corey died, everybody was shocked,” Cindy Iodice told reporters and camera crews outside Bridgeport Superior Court. “Eleven days ago, Chris Russell, a tow operator in North Haven, was struck and killed. It outraged the community that this could happen again.”

Cindy Iodice, accompanied by safety advocates and Sen. Rich-

“I can’t imagine the fear or the pain my brother went through in those last seconds. I am angry and full of so much sadness. Nothing about that day was an accident.”

—Chris Iodice, whose brother was killed by a reckless driver

ard Blumenthal, said traumatic deaths like those of Iodice and Russell are far too common — and all because so many highway drivers are ignoring basic safety laws.

After her brother was killed along a highway in Trumbull while helping a motorist in 2020, Cindy Iodice founded

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Extension for UConn hockey coach

Coach Mike Cavanaugh, who led the UConn men to the Hockey East tournament final this past season, has signed a six-year, \$3.58 million contract extension. **Sports, Page 1**

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“You say that it is too soon to take action? That we are ‘politicizing’ these tragedies to enact new policies? It has been 23 years since Columbine. Fifteen years since Virginia Tech. Ten years since Sandy Hook. Seven years since Charleston. Four years since Parkland and Santa Fe and Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Too soon? My friends, what the hell are you waiting for?”

— Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee

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It also builds on the administration’s executive action banning fast-action “bump-stock” devices and “ghost guns” that are assembled without serial numbers.

The Democratic legislation, called the Protecting Our Kids Act, was added to the legislative docket after last week’s school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., promised in a letter to Democratic colleagues Thursday that the House will vote on the measure next week, and she promised other votes in the weeks ahead, including on a bill to create an Amber Alert-style notification during a mass shooting. Pelosi also pledged a hearing on a bill banning military-style semi-automatic rifles.

But with Republicans nearly all in opposition, the House action will mostly be symbolic, merely putting lawmakers on record about gun control ahead of this year’s elections.

The Senate is taking a different course, with a bipartisan group striving toward a compromise on gun safety legislation that can win enough GOP support to become law. Those talks are making “rapid progress,” according to Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Ideas under discussion include expanding background checks for gun purchases and incentivizing red flag laws that allow family members, school officials and others to go into court and secure orders requiring the police to seize guns from people considered threats to themselves or others.



President Joe Biden arrives at the East Room of the White House in Washington on Thursday to speak about the latest round of mass shootings. Biden is attempting to increase pressure on Congress to pass stricter gun limits after such efforts failed following past outbreaks of violence. EVAN VUCCI/AP

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, defended his chamber’s proposals as popular with most Americans. He dismissed Republican criticism.

“You say that it is too soon to take action? That we are ‘politicizing’ these tragedies to enact new policies?” Nadler said.

“It has been 23 years since Columbine. Fifteen years since Virginia Tech. Ten years since Sandy Hook. Seven years since Charles-

ton. Four years since Parkland and Santa Fe and Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.”

He added: “Too soon? My friends, what the hell are you waiting for?”

Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the top Republican on the committee, said no one wants another tragedy but insisted the House bill would do nothing to stop mass shootings.

“We need to get serious about understanding why this keeps happening. Democrats are always

fixated on curtailing the rights of law-abiding citizens rather than trying to understand why this evil happens,” Jordan said. “Until we figure out the why, we will always mourn losses without facing the problem. Our job is to figure out the why.”

A chief feature of the House bill requires buyers of semi-automatic weapons to be at least 21.

Only six states require someone to be at least 21 years old to buy rifles and shotguns.

The shooters in Uvalde and Buffalo, New York, were 18 and used an AR-15-style weapon.

The hearing featured emotional pleas from Democratic lawmakers for Congress to respond to the mass shootings after years of gridlock on gun issues, one of the most riveting coming from Rep. Lucy McBath of Georgia.

She recalled how her son, Jordan, was shot and killed at a gas station by a man who complained about loud music he was listening

to. She said she dreams of who he would have become.

She said racial bias led to his death and those of 10 Black Americans in Buffalo last month and is “being replayed with casual callousness and despicable frequency” in the U.S.

“We all understand that the murder of our children cannot continue,” McBath said. “And we have solutions that a majority of American people believe in. They are commonsense compromises that will keep American children alive.”

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Thursday, June 2

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PLAY4 DAY

6 4 7 2 WB: 0

The late lotto numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT

0 3 6 WB: 7

PLAY4 NIGHT

4 6 4 5 WB: 2

CASH 5

3 15 16 29 34

LUCKY FOR LIFE

11 15 26 35 44 LB: 4

POWERBALL

11 41 56 57 63 PB: 2 PP: 2

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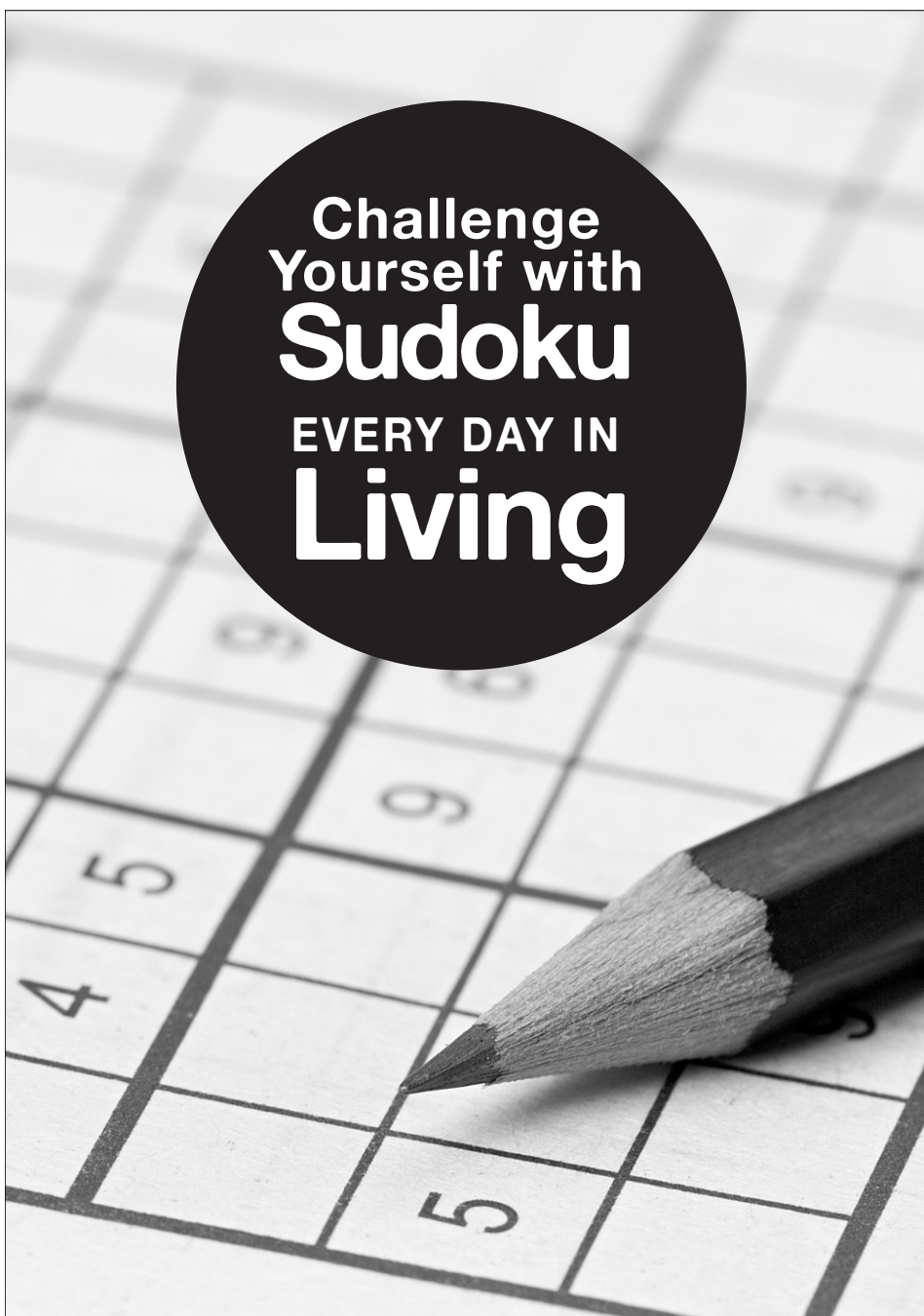

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Flagman, a nonprofit working to establish national public awareness and education campaigns to reduce struck-by-vehicle injuries and fatalities nationwide.

The organization held the press conference to emphasize that Dean Robert had just minutes earlier become the first driver punished with a \$10,000 fine under Connecticut’s Move Over law, which was passed in 2009.

The main penalty — 10.5 years in prison, suspended after 4.5 years — was for Robert’s guilty plea to second-degree manslaughter, driving under the influence and reckless driving.

The Iodice family, which runs a third-generation towing business in Fairfield, was devastated when Corey, 58, was killed by Robert’s speeding BMW, relatives said. They’ve followed the prosecution of Robert and had long been preparing to address the court at his sentencing on Thursday.

But on May 21, they were stunned along with the rest of Connecticut’s towing community when a car hit and killed Russell, a 38-year-



Cindy Iodice, founder of the Flagman safety organization, stands with Sen. Richard Blumenthal at a news conference Thursday to emphasize highway safety. Her brother Corey Iodice, a tow truck driver, was killed along a highway in Trumbull while helping a motorist in 2020. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

old tow truck trying to help a stranded motorist along I-91 in North Haven. Several tow drivers and safety advocates lamented that Iodice’s death hadn’t changed motorists’ behavior.

“Too often we witness flagrant disregard for safety when drivers are reckless on our roadways, distracted,

under the influence, over tired and, most egregiously, with negligent indifference,” Chief Denis McCarthy of the Fairfield Fire Department told reporters.

Iodice, a longtime driver for his family’s Fairfield-based towing business, had stopped near exit 47 of the Meritt Parkway in

Trumbull to help a disabled motorist.

He was standing on the back of his truck preparing to move the sedan onto the flatbed when Robert’s speeding, out-of-control car hit two other cars, then careened up the flatbed ramp and slammed into Iodice, according to police.

The crash knocked Iodice’s truck onto its side, and threw Iodice more than 30 feet. Robert’s car landed on its roof more than 100 feet away. Prosecutors said in court Thursday that Robert had been driving 86 to 93 mph in afternoon rush hour traffic and that a test three hours after the crash put his blood alcohol content level at 0.099. The legal limit is 0.08.

In court Thursday, Chris Iodice told Judge Tracy Dayton that Robert deserved a stiff sentence for killing his brother.

“I can’t imagine the fear or the pain my brother went through in those last seconds,” he said. “I am angry and full of so much sadness. Nothing about that day was an accident.”

Glaring toward the defense table, he told Robert, “You chose to go drive recklessly. You had absolutely no regard for anybody else on the road that day.”

Robert faced the Iodice family for several minutes and wept as he delivered a lengthy apology, conceding he was entirely at fault.

“My actions were reckless, senseless ... unacceptable,” he said. “I have no excuses for what I did. None. Every day I put myself in your shoes.”

Relatives, a friend and his minister all offered support for Robert, describing him as a community volunteer in Weston, and a dedicated father and husband with no criminal record. They said that drinking and reckless driving were out of character for him.

“There are absolutely no winners here. This is terrible,” Judge Dayton said. “He did not intend to kill anybody that day. That doesn’t change anything for the victim’s family.”

Afterward, Cindy Iodice said her family’s goal is to make drivers more aware of the need to obey Move Over laws — and to get police to beef up enforcement.

Adopted in 2009, Connecticut’s Move Over law requires motorists to slow and — if safe — shift lanes to leave a buffer once they see a stopped police car, fire truck, ambulance, state highway truck, tow truck or utility crew on the road or shoulder.

Blumenthal said he will talk with the federal transportation department about how to strengthen state Move Over laws, and to determine if federal legislation is feasible.

“This is something that can literally save lives,” he said.

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Rev. Kevin McCall, who led chants of “Justice for Mubarak” and “no justice, no peace,” his fist raised high. Soulemane’s mother, Omo Klusum Mohammed, said that for her, justice means seeing North behind bars.

“I want Brian North to go to jail for killing my son, for massacring my son,” she said.

Attorney Sanford Rubenstein, one of the attorneys representing the family, said they’re hopeful a jury will find North guilty.

“We believe that after a jury or a judge is shown a video of this case, pictures of the truth, it will be clear that this was an execution,” he said.

The inspector general’s report included several videos of the shooting captured on dash cameras and body cameras worn by law enforcement officers who responded to the incident.

McCall and Soulemane’s family and their lawyers also loudly chanted “Fire Brian North” over and over outside the courthouse.

McCall said that North being free on bond and “being able to enjoy his summer” isn’t fair to Soulemane’s mother who went through a Mother’s Day and without her son, who went through a



The Rev. Kevin McCall leads a chant of “Justice for Mubarak” outside Milford Superior Court on Thursday, where Connecticut state trooper Brian North entered a plea of not guilty on charges of first-degree manslaughter with a firearm in the 2020 death of Mubarak Soulemane. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

Memorial Day without her son, who will go through a summer without her son.

Mark Arons, another

attorney for the family, said Thursday’s court appearance was the first step in a long court process that will

hopefully lead to justice for Mubarak. He said he hopes Soulemane’s case will send a shockwave across the

country and once and for all change policing culture.

North is scheduled to appear in court next for a

virtual pre-hearing on Aug. 2. After that, he is scheduled to appear in Milford court in person on Sept. 15.

Tweets

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(de facto or de jure)?” one commenter asked. “Let’s point it out so that we can discuss and fight it together if needed. Otherwise, please stop your virtue-signaling. Frankly, it is embarrassing.”

Another wrote, “I’m not against the LGBT community, but they definitely cause big problems in our society. This is the slippery slope we were warned about.”

Across the country, Republicans in several states have taken aim at protections for gay and transgender people as part of a larger culture war that has followed critical race theory as the next hot topic for conservatives. It remains to be seen whether the issue that has energized conservatives in other parts of the country will impact elections in Connecticut.

Regardless, Klarides has been a longtime supporter of gay rights. During her 22-year career in the state legislature that started in January 1999, Klarides stepped forward on issues such as gay adoption, civil unions dating back to 2005, and gay marriage. As a socially moderate Republican, she has received some blowback from conservatives.

“There’s always people who are going to comment — they’re not always going to be positive comments,”



A rainbow flag, a symbol of LGBTQ equality, flies over the Connecticut State Capitol in Hartford on Thursday. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Klarides said in an interview. “That’s the nature of social media. For me, I’ve been very involved with LGBT rights my entire career, and I will continue to do so.”

She supports improvements in the parentage act that make it easier for same-sex parents to work in the adoption and probate systems.

“There’s still a lot of wrong-headed attitudes out there,” Klarides said. “We should be encouraging people to live their true selves and live their lives the way they want to live them. That’s what I meant that there’s still more to do. ... Everybody should be treated like everyone else, regard-

less of whether you’re gay, whether you’re transgender.”

Klarides won the convention endorsement of the Republican Party last month with 59% of the vote. She is competing in a primary on Aug. 9 against two conservatives, Greenwich fundraiser Leora Levy and Fairfield immigration attorney Peter Lumaj. Levy and Lumaj both tweeted recently about Memorial Day but not Pride Month. The winner of the primary will run in the general election against U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Greenwich.

Klarides has about 7,400 followers on Twitter, compared to nearly 8,700 for Stefanowski, more than

90,000 for Gov. Ned Lamont and more than 727,000 for Blumenthal.

In the same way as Klarides, Stefanowski posted a rainbow flag celebrating Pride Month.

“Connecticut has been a leader for LGBTQ+ rights,” Stefanowski wrote. “It’s a proud part of our state history which we get to celebrate, especially during #PrideMonth.”

But some voters who supported Stefanowski say they are now having second thoughts.

“Big mistake @bobforgovernor,” one wrote. “Going woke will NOT get you elected! You had my family’s vote till you did this stunt!”

The same commenter also posted a picture of President Joe Biden, a Democrat, and described him as “Bob’s best friend.”

Another wrote, “Let the pandering to the left continue. Please detail what rights the LBG do not have, BOB.”

Another wrote, “Know your base. Wake up and read the comments to your tweet, Bob.”

A commenter said, “I can’t support Bob anymore. He’s just another RINO. Connecticut needs an actual conservative for governor.”

Another tweeter showed a picture of Trump holding a gun and described Stefanowski as a RINO, a dismissive term for Republican In Name Only.

Another opponent wrote, “The fatal flaw with this Tweet is not that Bob so exuberantly shows his support for LGBTQ+ rights ... but that Bob has NOT Tweeted an equivalently exuberant Tweet for Parental Rights or Municipal Rights ... two KEY issues Republicans have run on and won with in other States.”

The same tweeter added, “Bob appears to be running an ‘I don’t want to lose’ campaign ... NOT an ‘I want to win’ campaign. Huge difference in mindset ... and his base can smell it.”

Stefanowski’s supporters downplayed the issue, saying it is often difficult to determine the true identities of Twitter commenters who operate under various

names. At the same time, some were complimentary of Stefanowski, noting that Democrats have a large advantage in voter registration in a state where Republicans have not won the governorship or any Congressional race since 2006.

“You’re legitimately a moron if you’re upset at a Republican candidate for governor in a deep blue state tweeting this,” said one. Eli Brennan wrote, “I dunk on ol’ Bob a heck of a lot but ya gotta give credit where it’s due. I imagine there’s a lot of pressure from the party to attack LGBTQ+ folks and Bob is at least acknowledging the celebration of pride month. It’s a very low bar, but at least he passed it.”

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford declined to comment on the Twitter responders but called for tolerance.

“I attended a Pride rally in the town of Stratford because our democracy is about inclusion and diversity,” Kelly said in an interview. “Our American flag does not discriminate, and so from that perspective, we’re a community that needs to be tolerant and accepting of all voices, all perspectives, and all walks of life. That’s where we are. That’s the way I was brought up.”

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Shooter targeted doctor, police say

Gunman bought rifle hours before deadly rampage in Tulsa

By Sean Murphy and Jill Bleed
Associated Press

A gunman who killed his surgeon and three other people at a Tulsa medical office blamed the doctor for his continuing pain after a recent back operation and bought an AR-style rifle just hours before the rampage, police in Oklahoma said Thursday.

The gunman called the clinic repeatedly complaining of pain, and targeted the doctor who performed the surgery, Tulsa police Chief Wendell Franklin said.

That physician, Dr. Preston Phillips, was killed Wednesday, along with Dr. Stephanie Husen, receptionist Amanda Glenn and patient William Love, police said. The attack occurred on the campus of Saint Francis Health System in Tulsa.

The chief identified the shooter as Michael Louis, 45, of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

It was the latest in a series of mass shootings in the country, including the deadly school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and an attack on a supermarket in Buffalo, New York.

The recent Memorial Day weekend saw multiple mass shootings nationwide, including at an outdoor festival in Taft, Oklahoma, 45 miles from Tulsa, even as single-death incidents accounted for most gun fatalities.

Louis carried a letter that said he was targeting Phillips, Franklin said. The letter “made it clear that he came in with the intent to kill Dr.



Crista Patrick, a member of the Tulsa City Council, listens to officials during a news conference Thursday at Saint Francis Hospital in Oklahoma. A gunman killed two doctors, a receptionist and a patient Wednesday, police said. J. PAT CARTER/GETTY

Phillips and anyone who got in his way,” Franklin said. “He blamed Dr. Phillips for the ongoing pain following the surgery.”

Franklin said Phillips performed the surgery on May 19 and Louis was released from the hospital on May 24.

He said Louis called the doctor’s office “several times over several days” reporting he was still in pain and saw Phillips on Tuesday for “additional treatment.” Louis called the office again Wednesday “complaining of back pain and wanting additional assistance,” he said.

Phillips was an orthopedic surgeon with an interest

in spinal surgery and joint reconstruction, according to a profile on the clinic’s website. He once served as lead physician for Tulsa’s WNBA team before the franchise moved out of state, according to the Tulsa World.

Dr. Cliff Robertson, president and CEO of Saint Francis Health System, called Phillips a “consummate gentleman” and “a man that we should all strive to emulate.” He said the three employees who were killed were “the three best people in the entire world” and that they “didn’t deserve to die this way.”

Police have received reports that Love, the lone

patient among those killed, held a door shut in hopes of allowing others to flee from the gunman through another door, Franklin said in response to reporters’ questions.

Police believe Louis bought his weapons legally, Franklin said. Louis carried an AR-style semi-automatic rifle on the afternoon of the shooting and a handgun Sunday, the police chief said.

Police responded to the call three minutes after dispatchers received the report at 4:52 p.m. local time Wednesday and made contact with the gunman at 5:01 p.m., authorities said. “Our training led us to

take immediate action without hesitation,” he said.

Franklin said the first 911 call came from an off-site patient who was in the middle of a video chat when a doctor inside the building told the patient to call the police and report a shooting.

The length of time it took police in Uvalde, Texas, to engage the gunman during last week’s deadly school shooting at Robb Elementary School has become a key focus of that investigation. Officers waited over an hour to breach the classroom where the 18-year-old gunman attacked with an AR-style semi-automatic rifle, killing 19 children and

two teachers.

Democratic leaders have amplified their calls for greater restrictions on guns since the Uvalde shooting, while Republicans are emphasizing more security at schools. The divide mirrors a partisan split that has stymied action in Congress and many state capitols over how best to respond to a record-high number of gun-related deaths in the country.

Oklahoma House Democrats on Thursday called for a special session to consider gun safety legislation, but that’s unlikely to happen in a GOP-controlled Legislature that has been pushing for years to loosen firearms restrictions.

Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt, who is running for re-election, said last week after the Texas shooting that it was too soon to talk about firearms policy.

A pro-firearms group, the Oklahoma 2nd Amendment Association, is an influential force at the state Capitol, and the first bill Stitt signed into law after taking office in 2019 was a measure that allows most adults to openly carry firearms without the previously required background check or training.

Since January, there have been 12 shootings where four or more people have been killed, according to an Associated Press/USA Today/Northeastern University mass killing database. Those shootings have left 76 dead, including 35 adults and children in Buffalo, Uvalde and Tulsa, the database says. The death toll does not include the suspects in the shootings.

The New York Times contributed.

Britain kicks off jubilee to honor Queen Elizabeth II

Monarch, 96, to sit out Friday’s service due to ‘discomfort’

By Danica Kirka and Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II stepped gingerly onto the Buckingham Palace balcony Thursday, drawing wild cheers from tens of thousands who came to join her at the start of four days of celebrations of her 70 years on the throne.

Her fans sported Union Jack flags, party hats or plastic tiaras. Some had camped overnight in hopes of glimpsing of 96-year-old queen, whose appearances are becoming rare, and a chance to watch Trooping the Color — a military parade that has marked each sovereign’s official birthday since 1760.

It was an explosion of joy in the massive crowd, one of the first big gatherings in the U.K. since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

“Everybody has got the same mission,” said Hillary Mathews, 70, of Hertfordshire, near London. “All the horrors that’s been going on in the world and in England at the moment are put behind us for a day, and we

can just enjoy really celebrating the queen.”

Elizabeth, who became queen at 25, is Britain’s longest-reigning monarch and the first to reach seven decades on the throne.

Yet after a lifetime of good health, age has begun to catch up with her. Buckingham Palace announced late Thursday that the queen would not attend a thanksgiving service Friday at St. Paul’s Cathedral after experiencing “some discomfort” Thursday.

Elizabeth took part Thursday night in lighting a chain of ceremonial beacons at Windsor Castle as planned.

The palace says “the queen greatly enjoyed” Thursday’s events — and it showed.

She basked in her moment. Smiling, she chatted with her great-grandson Prince Louis, 4, who occasionally covered his ears as 70 military aircraft old and new swooped low over the palace to salute the queen. The six-minute display included a formation of Typhoon fighter jets flying in the shape of the number 70.

The queen, wearing a dusky dove blue dress, was joined on the balcony by more than a dozen royals —

though not Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, who gave up frontline royal duties two years ago. The couple traveled to London from California with their two young children to take a low-key part in the celebrations, and watched Thursday’s Trooping of the Color with other members of the family.

They did not appear on the palace balcony, because the monarch decided that only working members of the royal family should have that honor. The decision also excluded Prince Andrew, who stepped away from public duties amid controversy over his links with the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The jubilee is being commemorated with a four-day holiday extravaganza and events including a concert at Buckingham Palace on Saturday and a pageant staged by thousands of performers from schools and community groups around the country on Sunday. Thousands of street parties are planned nationwide, repeating a tradition that began with the queen’s coronation in June 1953.

In a written jubilee message, the queen thanked people in Britain and across the Commonwealth involved in organizing the



Queen Elizabeth II smiles Thursday at London’s Buckingham Palace during the start of a four-day jubilee to celebrate her 70 years on the throne. JONATHAN BRADY/PA

celebrations.

“I know that many happy memories will be created at these festive occasions,” Elizabeth said. “I continue to be inspired by the goodwill shown to me, and hope that the coming days will provide an opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved during the last 70 years, as we look to the future with confidence and enthusiasm.”

Congratulations arrived from world leaders, including U.S. President Joe Biden and Pope Francis. French President Emmanuel

Macron called Elizabeth “the golden thread that binds our two countries” and former U.S. President Barack Obama recalled the queen’s “grace and generosity” during his first visit to the palace.

Cheers and the clomp of hooves rang out Thursday as horse-drawn carriages carried members of the royal family, including Prince William’s wife, Kate, and their children Prince George, 8, Princess Charlotte, 7, and Prince Louis, from Buckingham Palace to Horse Guards Parade, a

ceremonial parade ground about a half-mile away, for the ceremony.

Prince Charles, the 73-year-old heir to the throne, played a key role Thursday as he stood in for his mother — as he has more and more of late.

Clad in his ceremonial military uniform, Charles rode onto the parade ground on horseback and took the salute of the passing troops in their scarlet tunics and bearskin hats. He was flanked by his sister, Princess Anne, and oldest son, Prince William.



Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez speaks during a news conference Thursday in Uvalde, Texas. JAE C. HONG/AP

Texas senator: School chief unaware of 911 calls

By Jay Reeves and Jake Bleiberg
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — The commander at the scene of a shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, was not informed of panicked 911 calls coming from students trapped inside the building as the massacre unfolded, a Texas state senator said Thursday.

Sen. Roland Gutierrez said the pleas for help from inside Robb Elementary

School on May 24 did not make their way to school district police Chief Pete Arredondo. The Democrat called it a “system failure” that calls were going to city police but were not communicated to Arredondo.

“I want to know specifically who was receiving the 911 calls,” Gutierrez said, adding that no single person or entity was fully to blame for the massacre.

Nineteen children and two teachers died in the attack. Funerals for those

slain began this week.

The gunman, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, spent roughly 80 minutes inside the school, and more than an hour passed from when the first officers followed him into the building and when he was killed by law enforcement.

Gutierrez said it’s unclear if any details from the 911 calls was being shared with law enforcement officers from multiple agencies on the scene.

“Uvalde PD was the one

receiving the 911 calls for 45 minutes while officers were sitting in a hallway, while 19 officers were sitting in a hallway for 45 minutes” Gutierrez said. “We don’t know if it was being communicated to those people or not.”

But, the senator said, the Commission on State Emergency Communications told him the school district police chief did not know.

“He’s the incident commander. He did not receive (the) 911 calls,” Gutierrez said.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Ohio governor ready to approve bill OK'ing armed school workers

From news services

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio school districts could begin arming employees as soon as this fall under legislation approved by Republican lawmakers and set to be signed by GOP Gov. Mike DeWine.

Democrats said the proposal, which is optional for schools, sends the wrong message a week after the massacre of 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Republicans say the measure could prevent such shootings.

Lawmakers fast-tracked the legislation to counter the impact of a court ruling that said, under current law, armed school workers would need hundreds of hours of training.

The bill will protect children by ensuring instruction is specific to schools and including significant scenario-based training, DeWine said late Wednesday in announcing his support.

The measure is opposed by major law enforcement groups, gun control advocates and the state's teachers' unions, which asked DeWine to veto the measure. It's supported by a handful of police departments and school districts.

Under the latest version of the bill, school employees who carry guns would need up to 24 hours of initial training, then up to eight hours of requalification training annually.

DeWine, who is expected to sign the bill this month, also announced that the state's construction budget will provide \$100 million for school security upgrades in schools and \$5 million for upgrades at colleges.

Buffalo mass shooting: The white gunman who killed

10 Black people at a Buffalo supermarket pleaded not guilty Thursday to hate-motivated domestic terrorism and other charges as a prosecutor called the evidence against him overwhelming.

A lawyer entered the plea for Payton Gendron, 18, who didn't speak during a brief hearing amid a heavy security presence.

Witnesses, police and Gendron's own writings and livestreamed video incriminated him as the gunman who used a semi-automatic rifle to target shoppers and employees of a Tops Friendly Market. Authorities said he chose that location because it's in a predominantly Black neighborhood.

All 10 people killed in the May 14 assault were Black. Three other people were wounded.

"The defendant was caught at the scene of the crime with the weapon in his hands," Assistant District Attorney John Fereleto said.

Gendron has been held without bail since the shooting and is due back in court July 7.

Yemen truce renewal: The United Nations said Thursday that Yemen's warring parties have agreed to renew a nationwide truce for another two months. The development offered a glimmer of hope for a country plagued by years of civil war.

The cease-fire between Yemen's internationally recognized government and the Iran-backed Houthi rebels went into effect April 2.

Though each side at times accused the other of violating the cease-fire, it was the first nationwide truce in the past six years of the conflict in the most impoverished nation in the Arab world.

The announcement came hours before the original



Participants carry a rainbow banner Thursday during the annual Jerusalem Pride Parade in Israel. Thousands of marchers attended the event amid a heavy police presence after people were attacked in the past. Jerusalem is home to a sizable ultra-Orthodox population along with other religious groups, and many of them oppose the event. AHMAD GHARABLI/GETTY-AFP

truce was to expire.

The fighting in Yemen erupted in 2014, when the Houthis descended from their northern enclave and took over the capital of Sanaa, forcing the internationally recognized government to flee into exile in Saudi Arabia.

A Saudi-led coalition entered the war in early 2015 to try to restore the government to power.

The conflict, which eventually descended into a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran, has killed more than 150,000 people, including over 14,500 civilians, and pushed millions of Yemenis to the brink of famine.

Turkey name change: Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting that his country be referred to as "Türkiye," the state-run news agency reported.

The move is seen as part of a push by Ankara to rebrand the country and dissociate

its name from the bird by the same name and some negative connotations that are associated with it.

Anadolu Agency said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, confirmed receipt of the letter late Wednesday. The agency quoted Dujarric as saying that the name change had become effective "from the moment" the letter was received.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government has been pressing for the internationally recognized name Turkey to be changed to "Türkiye" as it is spelled in Turkish.

The country called itself "Türkiye," pronounced tur-key-YAY, in 1923 after its declaration of independence.

Pakistan peace talks: The Pakistani Taliban said Thursday they have extended a cease-fire with the government in Islamabad, following two days of talks with a

delegation of Pakistani tribal elders that were hosted by the Afghan Taliban.

According to Mohammad Khurasani, a spokesman for the outlawed Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan group or TTP, the decision was made after "substantial progress" in the talks with the 50-member team of elders.

He did not elaborate and there was no confirmation from the Pakistani government about the extension of the truce.

The Pakistani Taliban are a separate group but allied with the Afghan Taliban, who seized power in their country last August as the U.S. and NATO troops were in the final stages of their pullout from Afghanistan.

The TTP has waged an insurgency in Pakistan over the past 14 years.

Among things the group wants are stricter enforcement of Islamic laws in the country, the release of their members who are in government custody and a reduction

of Pakistani military presence in the country's former tribal regions.

Monkeypox: Africa must be part of a united global fight against monkeypox, the World Health Organization's Africa office said Thursday, as countries in Europe, the U.S. and elsewhere respond to unusual outbreaks of the disease.

"We must have one connected global response to monkeypox to avoid it becoming endemic in more countries," Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Africa director, said in an online briefing.

Monkeypox is ordinarily found in West and Central African countries with tropical rainforests but recently the disease has been discovered in more than 20 countries, including Australia, Britain and the United States.

More than 500 cases have been reported, many apparently tied to sexual activity at two raves in Europe. No deaths have been reported.

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WORLD & NATION

Crossover voters tip scales in races

Some Dems vote in GOP primaries to block Trump picks

By Steve Peoples and Aaron Kessler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Diane Murray struggled with her decision all the way up to Election Day.

But when the time came, the 54-year-old Georgia Democrat cast a ballot in last week's Republican primary for Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. While state law allowed her to participate in either party's primary, she said it felt like a violation of her core values to vote for the Republican. But it had to be done, she decided, to prevent a Donald Trump-backed "election denier" from becoming the battleground state's election chief.

"I feel strongly that our democracy is at risk, and that people who are holding up the big lie, as we call it, and holding onto the former president are dangerous to democracy," said Murray, who works at the University of Georgia. "I don't know I'll do it again because of how I felt afterward. I just felt icky."

Raffensperger, a conservative who refused to support the former president's direct calls to overturn the 2020 election, probably would not have won the May 24 Republican primary without people like Murray.

An Associated Press analysis of early voting records from data firm L2 found that more than 37,000 people who voted in Georgia's Democratic primary two years ago cast ballots in last week's Republican primary, an unusually high number of so-called crossover voters. Even taking into account the limited sample of early votes, the data reveal that crossover voters were consequential in defeating Trump's hand-picked candidates for secretary of state and, to a lesser extent, governor.



Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger received an unlikely push in the state's recent primary election. BEN GRAY/AP

Gov. Brian Kemp did not ultimately need Democrats in his blowout victory against his Trump-backed opponent, but Raffensperger probably did. The Republican secretary of state cleared the 50% threshold required to avoid a runoff election by just over 27,000 votes, according to the latest AP tallies. Based on early-voting data alone, 37,144 former Democrats voted in the Republican primary. The total number of crossovers, set to be revealed in the coming weeks, may be even higher.

Crossover voting, also known as strategic voting, is not exclusive to Georgia this primary season as voters across the political spectrum work to stop Trump-backed extremists from winning control of state and federal governments. The phenomenon is playing out in multiple primary contests, sometimes organically and sometimes

in response to a coordinated effort by Trump's opponents.

While Trump has railed against the practice, there is nothing inherently wrong with crossover voting. Dozens of states make it legal and easy for voters to participate in either party's primary. And there are several isolated incidents of both parties engaging in strategic voting over the years.

Still, Trump warned conservatives about crossover voting while campaigning last Saturday in Wyoming, another state where the former president's opponents are calling for Democrats to intervene — this time to help save Rep. Liz Cheney from a Trump-backed challenger. Cheney, like Raffensperger and Kemp, refused to embrace Trump's lies about the 2020 election. She also voted for his second impeachment after the U.S. Capitol insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021.

"Don't let the Democrats do what they did in another state," Trump told Wyoming supporters.

While the practice has Trump's attention, it is often ineffective.

Trump's opponents encouraged Democrats to help defeat Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene in her Georgia primary last month. Greene, who has embraced election lies and spoken at an event organized by a white nationalist, won by more than 50 percentage points.

And in some cases, Democrats have been too focused on their own primaries to cast a Republican ballot. That was probably the case in Pennsylvania, where some Democrats openly encouraged their base to vote for the Republican candidate for governor, Doug Mastriano, whose extreme views they felt made him more beatable in November.

To cast a ballot in the May

17 GOP primary, however, voters needed to register as Republicans ahead of the contest because Pennsylvania has a "closed primary" system. And on the same day, Democrats were deciding their own high-stakes Senate primary.

If the advance vote in Pennsylvania is any indication, few Democrats heeded the call to vote GOP.

Of Republican primary voters who cast early or absentee ballots this year, only 1.7 percent voted Democratic in the 2020 primary. Those 2,600 votes, even if ultimately bolstered by more Election Day participants, were unlikely to have moved the needle in an outcome in which Mastriano beat his closest rival by nearly 320,000.

On the forefront of the crossover movement, Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., has called for an "uneasy alliance" between Democrats,

independents and Republicans to take down pro-Trump candidates in GOP primaries whenever and wherever possible. Some states have open primaries like Georgia that allow people to vote in either primary, while other states have more restrictive rules.

Kinzinger said he was pleasantly surprised by the Democrats' response in some races. He said he never expected the movement to be an "earth-shattering game-changer" right away.

Kinzinger's political organization, Country First, targeted thousands of former Georgia Democrats with mailers and text messages urging them to support Raffensperger for the sake of democracy.

A Country First text message widely distributed to Georgia voters in the days before the election read: "Don't wait for until the general election to go after the extremes. Vote in the Republican Primary for the candidate that supports truth and democracy."

Kinzinger's team was also active in North Carolina's closely watched congressional race in North Carolina's 11th District, where voters ousted the polarizing pro-Trump freshman, Rep. Madison Cawthorn, in the Republican primary.

Trump allies in Georgia, caught off guard by the crossover trend, were furious.

"It was a Democratic version of 'Operation Chaos,'" said Debbie Dooley, president of the Atlanta Tea Party, referring to the secret Nixon-era push to infiltrate liberal groups. "I did not realize just how heavily the Democrats were going to cross over."

Dooley launched a petition late recently to close Georgia's Republican primaries to non-Republicans. More than a dozen states have closed, or partially closed, primaries that block members of opposing parties from participating.



Attorney Michael Avenatti, seen here with former client Stormy Daniels, was sentenced Thursday to four years in prison for cheating Daniels of book proceeds. SETH WENIG/AP 2018

Lawyer Avenatti gets 4 years for cheating porn star client

By Bobby Caina Calvan and Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Avenatti was sentenced Thursday to four years in prison for stealing book proceeds from Stormy Daniels, the porn actress who catapulted him to fame as he represented her in courtrooms and cable news programs during her legal battles with then-President Donald Trump.

The California lawyer, currently incarcerated, learned his fate in Manhattan federal court, where Judge Jesse Furman said the sentence will mean that Avenatti will spend another 2½ years in prison on top of the 2½ years he is already serving after another fraud conviction.

The judge said Avenatti's crime against Daniels was made "out of desperation" when his law firm was struggling. He called Avenatti's behavior "craven and egregious" and blamed it on "blind ambition." He also required Avenatti to pay \$148,000 in restitution and forfeit the roughly \$297,000 that prosecutors say he stole from Daniels.

The judge said he believed the sentence "will send a message to lawyers" that, if they go astray, they will lose their profession and their liberty.

Avenatti choked up several times as he delivered a lengthy statement before the sentence was announced, saying he had "disappointed scores of people and failed in a cataclysmic way."

"I have destroyed my career, my relationships and my reputation and have done collateral damage to my family and my life," he said.

Avenatti, 51, said he chose to represent Daniels beginning in February 2018 because she was an underdog and no one else would.

At trial earlier this year, Avenatti represented himself, cross-examining his former client for hours about their experiences in early 2018, when she signed a book deal that provided an \$800,000 payout.

Prosecutors said he illegally pocketed about \$300,000 of her advance on "Full Disclosure," published in fall 2018.

The book's publication came at a time when

Avenatti's law practice was failing financially even as he appeared regularly on television, attacking Trump.

Avenatti represented Daniels in lawsuits meant to free her from conditions attached to a \$130,000 hush payment she received shortly before the 2016 presidential election to remain silent about a tryst she said she had with Trump a decade earlier. Trump denied it.

Daniels was not in court. Her current attorney, Clark Brewster, spoke on her behalf, saying it was "truly shocking" that Avenatti tried to portray himself as a champion of his clients during his statement.

His conviction for aggravated identity theft required a mandatory two-year prison sentence. He was also convicted of wire fraud. He's already serving a 2½-year sentence for trying to extort Nike. Avenatti was convicted in 2020 of threatening to ruin the shoemaker's reputation if it did not pay him up to \$25 million.

And he faces a retrial in California on charges that he cheated clients and others of millions of dollars there.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Experts: Ukraine to prolong fight until more arms arrive

By John Leicester and Elena Becatoros
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian forces locked in a grinding battle for control of the country's east struggled to hold off Russian troops and buy themselves some time Thursday while they await the arrival of the advanced rockets and anti-aircraft weapons promised by the West.

With the arms deliveries possibly weeks away, Ukraine is looking at a prolonged period of grueling combat, military analysts said.

"There's a time lag, so the next few weeks are going to be pretty tough for our Ukrainian friends," said retired U.S. Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, former commanding general of U.S. Army forces in Europe.

Ukraine is intent on exhausting Russian forces, as evidenced by street fighting in the critical eastern city of Sievierodonetsk, said Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov.

"And this can go on for quite some time," he warned.

Britain on Thursday pledged to send sophisticated medium-range rocket systems to Ukraine, joining the U.S. and Germany in equipping the country with some of the advanced weapons it had been begging for to shoot down aircraft and destroy artillery and supply lines.

Western arms have been critical to Ukraine's success in stymieing Russia's much larger and better-equipped military during the war, which was in its 99th day Thursday.

The Kremlin warned of "absolutely undesirable and rather unpleasant scenarios" if the latest Western-supplied weapons are fired into Russia.

"This pumping of



Smoke and dirt rise Thursday during fighting between Ukrainian and Russian forces in Sievierodonetsk in Ukraine's industrial Donbas region. ARIS MESSINIS/GETTY-AFP

Ukraine with weapons ... will bring more suffering to Ukraine, which is merely a tool in the hands of those countries that supply it with weapons," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Russian forces continued to pound towns and cities and to tighten their grip on Sievierodonetsk in Ukraine's industrial Donbas region, which Moscow is intent on seizing.

In the neighboring city of Lysychansk, some 60 percent of the infrastructure and residential buildings have been destroyed by nonstop shelling, a local official said.

Britain's Defense Ministry reported that Russia had captured most of Sievierodonetsk, one of two cities in Luhansk province that had remained under Ukrainian control. The Donbas is made up of Luhansk and Donetsk provinces.

Meanwhile, residents forced to flee the Kyiv area after the Russians' abortive attempt to storm the capital weeks ago confronted the overwhelming task of rebuilding their shattered lives.

Nila Zelinska and her husband, Eduard, returned for the first time to the charred ruins of their home outside Kyiv. They fled with

her 82-year-old mother amid Russian shelling and airstrikes in the early days of the war.

Asobbing Zelinska recovered from the rubble a doll that belonged to one of her grandchildren, clutching it as if it were a real child.

"May there be peace on earth, peace so that our people are not suffering so much," she said.

Speaking by video link to a security conference in Slovakia, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for even more weapons and sanctions against Russia to halt such horrors. "As of today, the occupiers control almost 20% of our territory," he said.

Zelenskyy said Russia had fired 15 cruise missiles in the past day and used a total of 2,478 missiles since invading Ukraine.

British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said Britain will send an unspecified number of M270 launchers, which can fire precision-guided rockets up to 50 miles. Ukrainian troops will be trained in Britain to use the equipment, he said.

On Wednesday, the U.S. said it would supply rocket launchers to Ukraine, and Germany agreed to provide anti-aircraft missiles and radar systems.

WORLD & NATION

Russia may be repeating its earlier mistakes

US officials say slow pace in east points to persistent problems

By Helene Cooper
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Russian military, beaten down and demoralized after more than three months of war, is making the same mistakes in its campaign to capture a swath of eastern Ukraine that forced it to abandon its push to take the entire country, senior U.S. officials say.

While Russian troops are capturing territory, a Pentagon official said their “plodding and incremental” pace was wearing them down and that the military’s overall fighting strength had been diminished by about 20%.

Since the war started, Russia has lost 1,000 tanks, a senior Pentagon official said last week.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia appointed a new commander, Gen. Alexander Dvornikov, in April in what was widely viewed as an acknowledgment that the initial Russian war plan was failing.

Soon after his arrival, Dvornikov tried to get disjointed air and land units to coordinate their attacks, U.S. officials said. But he has not been seen in recent weeks, leading some officials to speculate about whether he remains in charge of the war effort.

Russian pilots also continue to demonstrate the same risk-averse behavior they did in the early weeks of the war: darting across the border to launch strikes and then quickly returning to Russian territory, instead of staying in Ukrainian air space to deny access to their foes.

The result is that Russia still has not established any kind of air superiority, officials said.

The Russian military has made some progress in the east, where concentrated



This ruined classroom is in Vilkhivka, which is on the outskirts of Kharkiv, Ukraine, and was once occupied by Russian forces. Moscow is repeating previous mistakes in its eastern campaign, senior U.S. officials say. **FINBARR O'REILLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

firepower and shortened supply lines have helped its forces fight intense battles in recent days. After three bloody months, Russia finally took Mariupol in mid-May, potentially creating a land bridge from the Russian-controlled Crimean Peninsula to the south.

As Russia struggles, Ukraine has also suffered setbacks.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy recently said that as many as 100 Ukrainian servicemen might be dying every day in the fighting.

But some areas that Russian forces managed to seize have been quickly contested again, and sometimes retaken, by Ukrainian troops.

Consider Kharkiv. Russia spent six weeks bombarding the eastern city, once home to 1.5 million people, as troops encircled it.

But by May 13, control of the city had flipped again.

“The Russians took Kharkiv for a short period of time; the Ukrainians counterattacked and took Kharkiv back,” Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said at a news conference at the Pentagon last week. “We’ve seen them really proceed at a very slow and unsuccessful pace on the battlefield.”

Ukraine is pushing Russian troops north and east from Kharkiv, “in some cases all the way back to Russia,” said retired Gen. Philip Breedlove, former supreme allied commander for Europe. “So now Ukrainians are threatening to cut off Russian lines of supply and pushing their forces to the rear.”

Cutting off Russian supply lines east of Kharkiv would put Russian troops in the same situation they were in after their advance on Kyiv, the capital, at the beginning of the war, officials said. Ukrainian units carrying shoulder-fired Javelin

anti-tank missiles picked off Russian soldiers as miles-long Russian convoys near Kyiv stopped moving forward. The invasion stalled, and thousands of Russian troops were killed or injured. Russia then refocused its mission on the eastern part of the country.

In the early weeks of the war, Russia ran its military campaign out of Moscow, with no central war commander on the ground, U.S. and other Western officials said. In early April, after Russia’s logistics and morale problems had become clear, Putin put Dvornikov in charge of a streamlined war effort.

Under Dvornikov, Russian pilots began coordinating with troops on the ground toward a similar objective in the eastern region of Donbas, and Russian units were talking to one another about shared goals.

But the invasion is not “proceeding particularly

differently in the east than in the west because they haven’t been able to change the character of the Russian army,” said Frederick Kagan, a senior fellow and director of the Critical Threats Project at the American Enterprise Institute.

“There are some deep flaws in the Russian army that they could not have repaired in the last few weeks even if they had tried. The flaws are deep and fundamental,” he added.

At the top of that list is the Russian army’s lack of a noncommissioned officer corps empowered to think for itself, Pentagon officials said. U.S. troops have sergeants, platoon leaders and corporals who are given tasks and guidelines and left to accomplish those tasks as they see fit.

But Russia’s military follows a Soviet-style doctrinal method in which troops at the bottom are not

empowered to point out flaws in strategy that should be obvious or to make adjustments.

The Ukrainians, after seven years of training alongside troops from the United States and other NATO countries, follow the more Western method and have proved particularly agile at adapting to circumstances, U.S. military officials said.

A two-week fighting pause after the Russian military gave up the fight for Kyiv was not long enough to turn the campaign around, even with a more limited goal, Breedlove said.

Dvornikov’s “new tactics, resetting the command and control so there was a focused decision-maker — all that was right or proper,” he said.

But, Breedlove also said: “Even our army would be hard-pressed to refit, refurbish and reorganize in two weeks after having received such a sound whipping.”

When Dvornikov took control, “the force was thrust back into the battle too quickly. That decision had to have come from Moscow.”

After renewing an assault on the Donbas, Russia has pounded cities and villages with a barrage of artillery. But troops have not followed that up with any kind of sustained armored invasion, which is necessary to hold the territory they are flattening, military officials say.

That means that Russia may find itself struggling to hold on to gains — as it did in Kharkiv.

Evelyn Farkas, a former senior Pentagon official for Ukraine and Russia in the Obama administration, said Putin was still too involved in the fight.

“We keep hearing accounts of Putin getting more involved,” said Farkas, who is now executive director of the McCain Institute. “We know that if you have presidents meddling in targeting and operational military decisions, it’s a recipe for disaster.”

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BUSINESS

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Biden kills student debt in Corinthian fraud case

Move erases \$5.8 billion for over 560,000 former students of for-profit chain

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of students who attended the for-profit Corinthian Colleges chain will automatically get their federal student loans canceled, the Biden administration says, aiming to bring closure to one of the most notorious cases of fraud in American higher education.

Anyone who attended the now-defunct chain from its founding in 1995 to its collapse in 2015 will get his or her federal student debt wiped clean. The move will erase \$5.8 billion in debt for more than 560,000 borrowers, in what the Education Department said was the largest single loan discharge ever.

“As of today, every student deceived, defrauded and driven into debt by Corinthian Colleges can rest assured that the Biden-Harris Administration has their back and will discharge their federal student loans,” Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said Wednesday. “For far too long,

Corinthian engaged in the wholesale financial exploitation of students, misleading them into taking on more and more debt to pay for promises they would never keep.”

Tens of thousands of former Corinthian students were already eligible for debt cancellation, but they had to file paperwork and navigate an application process that advocates say is confusing and not widely known. Now, the relief will be made automatic and extended to additional borrowers.

Those with a remaining balance on their Corinthian debt will also get refunds on payments already made, department officials said. But the action does not apply to loans paid in full.

At its peak, Corinthian was one of the largest for-profit college companies. It had more than 100 campuses and more than 110,000 students at its Everest, WyoTech and Heald schools.

The company shut down seven years ago amid widespread findings of fraud.

The Obama administration found that scores of campuses were falsifying data

on the success of their graduates. In some cases, the schools reported that students had found jobs in their fields of study even though they were working at grocery stores or fast-food chains.

Students commonly told investigators they were pressured to enroll with promises of lucrative employment, only to end up with huge sums of debt and few job prospects. Federal officials found that the company falsely told students their course credits could be transferred to other colleges.

The case inspired a federal crackdown on for-profit colleges, and the Obama administration promised to forgive loans for Corinthian students whose programs lied about job placement rates. That administration went on to expand a process known as borrower defense to repayment, which allows any defrauded student to apply for debt cancellation.

The Biden administration later announced full cancellation for all Corinthian students who had been given only partial forgiveness.

OPEC+ set to boost oil output as prices soar

Associated Press

LONDON — The OPEC oil cartel and allied-producing countries, including Russia, will raise production by 648,000 barrels per day in July and August, offering modest relief for a global economy suffering from soaring energy prices.

The cost of oil, which began to rise sharply to start of the year, spiked after Russia’s Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine.

U.S. crude prices are up 54% since the beginning of the year, and international crude prices are up almost 40% in that time.

Gasoline prices in the U.S. have risen in tandem and hit another all-time high Thursday.

That’s become a potential problem for President Joe Biden in midterm congressional elections this fall.

Elevated prices are also a threat to the global economy as it emerges from the pandemic, with both companies and families potentially reducing activity to deflect those costs.

OPEC, whose de facto leader is Saudi Arabia, had for months resisted pressure from the White House to increase oil supply more quickly. That stance, along with a European Union agreement to end most oil imports from Russia, has pushed prices higher. Gasoline and diesel prices have also been rising due to a lack of refining capacity to turn crude into motor fuel.

The U.S. “welcomes” the increased production, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement. “The United States will continue to use all tools at our disposal to address energy prices pressures.”

The decision Thursday steps up the pace by the alliance, known as OPEC+, in restoring cuts made during the worst of the pandemic recession.



Social media influencer Logan Paul, right, hyped a cryptocurrency without noting his vested interest. SINNA NASSERI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Crypto hucksters’ hidden ties

Social media influencers don’t always reveal their interests in currencies they promote

By David Yaffe-Bellany
The New York Times

Logan Paul had a message for his 6 million Twitter followers: He was “all in” on a new cryptocurrency called Dink Doink.

According to the project’s creator, Dink Doink investors would receive shares of a cartoon character, entitling them to a portion of the proceeds if the figure ever appeared in a TV show or movie. Last June, Paul, a 27-year-old boxer and social media influencer, praised Dink Doink on Twitter and in a public Telegram chat, before endorsing it again on his podcast.

But by mid-July, the price of Dink Doink had plummeted to a fraction of a cent, and Paul was facing an online backlash. In his endorsements, he had failed to mention some relevant information: He and the project’s creator were friends, and came up with the idea for the cryptocurrency together. He also received a large allocation of Dink Doink coins when it launched.

“I don’t know what went absurdly wrong,” Paul said in an interview. “That’s

the project from hell, and I just wiped my hands of that.”

The collapse in crypto prices in May has renewed scrutiny of the celebrity marketers who sell virtual currencies to the masses. Over the last year, actor Matt Damon and comedian Larry David have starred in high-profile TV commercials for crypto platforms, trumpeting digital assets as an unmissable moneymaking opportunity. Those ads drew criticism from crypto skeptics, but they were tied to mainstream companies with hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue.

A far seedier form of crypto promotion has flourished on social media, rife with undisclosed conflicts of interest and exaggerated claims about skyrocketing profits. Celebrity influencers such as Kim Kardashian and Floyd Mayweather have made millions endorsing specific and often dubious crypto investments, urging fans to buy obscure coins that quickly crashed in value, or shilling non-fungible tokens, the unique digital files known as NFTs.

In some cases, promoters like Paul have admitted that they failed to disclose personal or financial ties to projects advertised on their feeds, a potential violation of federal marketing regulations. And even before the crypto market’s recent down-

turn, a series of these influencer-backed ventures had crashed, prompting lawsuits that could force some celebrities to compensate investors for their losses.

Some promoters are not well known outside crypto circles but have large followings on social media. Others are major celebrities like Kardashian, who is facing a lawsuit from investors over her marketing of an obscure cryptocurrency called EthereumMax, which is different from Ethereum, one of the most popular crypto platforms.

Crypto promotion occupies a legal gray area. Under federal law, people marketing securities are required to publicly disclose payments for promotions. In 2018, Mayweather paid more than \$600,000 to settle SEC charges that he had failed to properly disclose his compensation for marketing initial coin offerings, the crypto equivalent of an initial public offering on Wall Street. But the rule he broke applies only to securities, like stock in a company, and it is unclear which crypto products meet that legal standard.

Crypto promoters could also run afoul of the Federal Trade Commission’s rules, which require marketers of all kinds to disclose when they have a financial stake in the projects they endorse.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

US-Taiwan trade talks irk China

BEIJING — China’s government on Thursday accused Washington of jeopardizing peace after U.S. envoys began trade talks with Taiwan aimed at deepening relations with the self-ruled island democracy claimed by Beijing.

Talks that started Wednesday are based on “shared values” as market-oriented economies, according to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Trade dialogues “disrupt peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait,” a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said. He called on Washington to “stop negotiating agreements with Taiwan that have sovereign connotations and official nature.” Taiwan and China have multibillion-dollar trade and investment ties but no official relations.

HoJo’s closes its last restaurant

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. — The Howard Johnson’s restaurant in this upstate New York resort village — the last of the once-pervasive eateries serving food under orange roofs with blue spires — is closed.

The restaurant just south of Lake George in the Adirondack Mountains did not open over Memorial Day weekend and is for lease, according to the Times Union of Albany.

HoJo’s was well known to baby boomers, who grew up on the restaurants’ 28 ice cream flavors and fried clam plates.

But they faded away with the rise of fast-food outlets and there were only a few operating under the Howard Johnson’s name by the beginning of 2015, with the next to last location closing in Bangor, Maine, in 2016.

There are still Howard Johnson hotels.

US aims sanctions at yacht firm for Russians

By Julian E. Barnes
and Michael Forsythe
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government leveled sanctions against a yacht management company and its owners, describing them as part of a corrupt system that allows Russian elites and President Vladimir Putin to enrich themselves, the Treasury Department announced Thursday.

Imperial Yachts, which is based in Monaco and controlled by the Moscow-born Evgeniy Kochman, caters to Russian oligarchs. The Treasury Department said Kochman and his company provide yacht-related services to “Russia’s elites, including those in President Putin’s inner

circle.”

Imperial Yachts, Treasury said, conducts business with at least one sanctioned person.

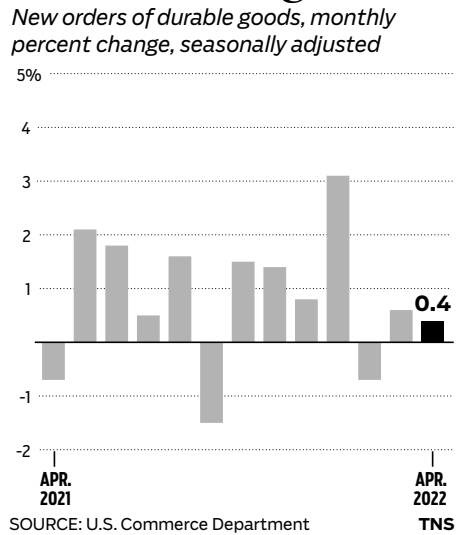
The department also announced sanctions against four Russian government officials and Yuri Slyusar, the president of a Russian-state owned company that supplies aircraft to Russia’s military.

The State Department separately imposed sanctions on Maria Zakharova, the spokesperson for the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and Alexei Mordashov, a Russian billionaire. The Commerce Department announced that it was adding 71 organizations to its entities list, in an attempt to block Russia’s military from importing key technology.

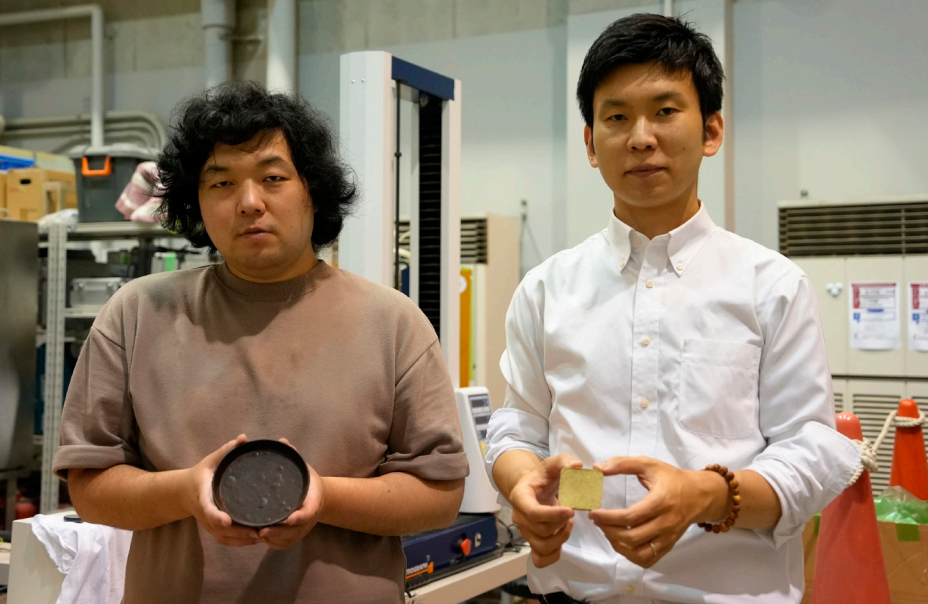
Also put under sanctions is Sergei Roldugin, a Russian cellist and a longtime friend of Putin’s, described by the Treasury Department as “a custodian of President Putin’s offshore wealth.” Roldugin was added to the European Union’s sanctions list in late February, days after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. He has been described as “Putin’s wallet.”

Kochman and Imperial Yachts were the focus of an investigation showing that the company was at the heart of what is essentially an oligarch-industrial complex, a network of companies including German shipbuilders, French designers, Italian high-end carpenters and Spanish marinas that serve Russian oligarchs and employ thousands of skilled workers.

Manufacturing orders



BUSINESS



Tokyo University researchers Kota Machida, left, and Yuya Sakai display samples of "food cement" made using food waste at their laboratory last month. **CHISATO TANAKA/AP**

Edible ‘cement’ could ease leftovers’ burden on landfills

By Chisato Tanaka
Associated Press

TOKYO — Ever dreamed of having a gingerbread house like Hansel and Gretel?

In the near future, edible houses may no longer just be found in fairy tales.

Tokyo University researchers Kota Machida and Yuya Sakai have developed a technology to transform food waste into potentially edible “cement” for construction use.

It’s the world’s first process for making cement entirely from food waste. The researchers say the tensile, or bending, strength of their product is nearly quadruple that of ordinary concrete.

Machida and Sakai say they hope to help reduce global warming, alleviating problems related to wasted food materials that emit methane when they rot in landfills.

Sakai, an associate professor of industrial science, developed the technology while researching sustainable materials that could replace cement-based concrete. Cement production accounts for 8% of

the world’s carbon dioxide emissions, according to the think tank Chatham House.

He first developed a way to make concrete by subjecting pulverized wood particles to heat compression. The three-step process of drying, pulverization and compression was done using simple mixers and compressors.

Sakai, with his student Machida, decided to do the same thing with food waste. Previous trials using food waste to make cement required plastics to be mixed in to get the materials to stick together.

After months of failures, they realized they could get the cement to bind by adjusting the temperature and pressure used.

“The most challenging part was that each type of food waste requires different temperatures and pressure levels,” Sakai said.

Sakai and Machida say they have made cement using tea leaves, orange and onion peels, coffee grounds, Chinese cabbage and even lunchbox leftovers.

They’ve adjusted flavors with different spices and found the colors, scent and taste of the cement can be

quite appealing. To be able to eat the material, a person would need to break it into pieces and boil it, Sakai said.

To make the cement waterproof and protect it from being eaten by rodents and other pests, it might be coated with Japanese lacquer.

Food waste is a huge problem worldwide. Japan produced around 5.7 million tons of edible food waste in 2019 and the government aims to reduce that around 2.7 million tons by 2030.

Machida started a company called Fabula Inc. last year with two childhood friends. They are working with other companies to make cups, cutlery, and furniture out of food cement.

Sakai says the process could be used to make edible makeshift housing for disasters.

“For example, if food cannot be delivered to evacuees, they could eat makeshift beds made out of food cement,” he said.

“Our ultimate hope is that this cement replaces plastic and cement products, which have worse environmental impacts,” added Machida.

Observers say China’s Russia dealings irk US, but are OK

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — China’s support for Russia through oil and gas purchases is irking Washington and raising the risk of U.S. retaliation, foreign observers say, though they see no sign Beijing is helping Moscow evade sanctions over its war on Ukraine.

Beijing’s importance as a lifeline to Russian President Vladimir Putin rose Monday after the 27-nation European Union, the main market for fossil fuels that supply most of Moscow’s foreign income, agreed to stop oil purchases.

President Xi Jinping’s government declared ahead of Russia’s Feb. 24 attack that it had a “no limits” friendship with Moscow and has kept the West guessing about whether it might bail Putin out.

China rejects the sanctions as illegal because the United States, Europe and Japan cut off Russia from their markets and the global banking system without working through the United Nations, where Beijing and Moscow have veto power.

The sanctions don’t bar China, India or other countries from buying Russian oil and gas. But U.S. President Joe Biden has warned Xi of unspecified consequences if Beijing helps Moscow evade sanctions. That leaves open the risk Chinese companies might be punished by losing access to Western markets.

Beijing appears to be complying. But state-owned companies are buying more Russian oil and gas, which gives the Kremlin export income. They also are potential investors in Russian energy projects as Western companies leave.

“The Biden administration will likely become increasingly exasperated at China’s continued support for Russia,” Neil Thomas



China’s support for Russia through oil and gas purchases is exasperating Washington, observers say. Above, a gas pipeline between the two countries. **CHINATOPIX 2015**

of Eurasia Group said in an email.

That increases the likelihood of “unilateral moves to punish Beijing” and “allied coordination on economic security measures aimed at countering China,” Thomas said.

The conflict adds to tension with Washington over Taiwan, Hong Kong, human rights, trade, technology and Beijing’s strategic ambitions.

Xi’s government has tried to distance itself from Putin’s war by calling for peace talks, but it avoids criticizing Moscow.

Other governments “must not harm China’s legitimate interests in any way” in dealing with Ukraine, warned a foreign ministry spokesman, Zhao Lijian.

Monday’s decision by EU leaders will cut imports of Russian oil by 90%, according to the head of its executive branch, Ursula von der Leyen. European customers have been paying Russia as much as \$1 billion per day for oil, gas and coal.

Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia’s permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, responded on Twitter: “Russia will find other importers.”

Moscow is tiny as a trading partner for Beijing but an ally against U.S. dominance in global affairs.

China sees Russian oil and gas as a way to diversify

supplies for its energy-hungry economy. China bought 20% of last year’s Russian crude exports, according to the International Energy Agency. The two sides announced a new 30-year gas contract on Feb. 4, three weeks ahead of Moscow’s attack on Ukraine, that the state newspaper Global Times said will increase annual supplies to China by about 25%.

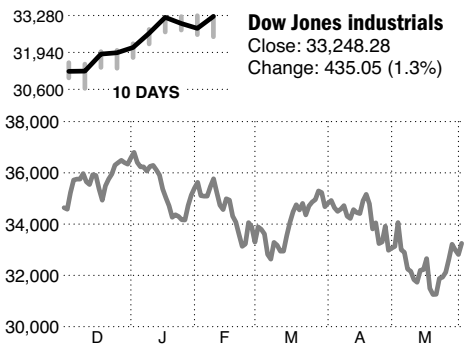
China is taking advantage of the situation to get cheaper energy and favorable business deals, said Maria Shagina of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. “They would always capitalize on Russia’s isolation,” said Shagina. “But they would be very cautious not to violate sanctions outright.”

China agreed to buy Russian gas in a deal estimated to be worth up to \$400 billion over three decades following Western sanctions imposed over its 2014 seizure of Crimea from Ukraine. Moscow turned to Chinese state-owned companies to help pay for oil and gas development after Crimea-related sanctions cut off Western financing.

“The help will never come for free,” Shagina said.

MARKET RUNDOWN
Friday, June 3, 2022

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Domestic Indexes			
	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	33,248.28	+435.05	-8.50%
DOW Trans.	14,490.61	+295.52	-12.06%
DOW Util.	1,026.38	+5.30	+4.65%
NYSE Comp.	15,960.53	+250.92	-7.01%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,316.90	+322.44	-21.27%
S&P 500	4,176.82	+75.59	-12.37%
S&P 400	2,549.84	+55.17	-10.28%
Wilshire 5000	41,617.90	+837.65	-14.12%
Russell 2000	1,897.67	+42.85	-15.48%

Commodities			
	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	116.87	115.26	+55.39%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.49	8.70	+127.48%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	4.19	4.07	+88.08%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,866.50	1,843.30	+2.13%
Silver (oz)	22.25	21.88	-4.60%

Foreign Exchange			
	ForEx \$ in U.S.	U.S. \$ in ForEx	
Britain	1.2566	.7958	
Canada	.7951	1.2577	
China	.1501	6.6603	
Euro	1.0739	.9312	
Japan	.007700	129.87	
Mexico	.051126	19.5597	

Money Rates			
	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	4.00	4.00	
3-mo. T-Bill	1.15	1.07	
6-mo. T-Bill	1.64	1.52	
5-yr T-Note	2.92	2.76	
10-yr T-Note	2.92	2.76	
30-yr T-Bond	3.08	2.97	

Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt	14,485.17	+144.70	+1.01% -8.81%
London	% +2.01%
Hong Kong	21,082.13	-212.81	-1.00% -9.90%
Nikkei	27,413.88	-44.01	-1.16% -4.79%

Stocks of Local Interest			
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	13.30	+.49	-51.1
AT&T Inc (T)	21.19	-.03	-13.9
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	108.59	+7.37	-24.5
Amphenol Corp (APH)	71.98	+2.70	-17.7
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.65	+.05	-15.0
Apple Inc (AAPL)	151.21	+2.50	-14.8
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.59	+.31	-4.6
Bank of America (BAC)	36.70	+.24	-17.5
Barnes Group (B)	36.58	+.54	-21.5
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2372.36	+133.79	-1.1
Bristl Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.07	+.11	+20.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	97.23	+.69	-5.7
Carnival Corp (CCL)	14.06	+.59	-30.1
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	40.08	+1.14	-26.1
Charter Commun (CHTR)	498.22	+2.84	-23.6
Chewy Inc (CHWY)	29.18	+5.69	-50.5
Cigna Corp (CI)	263.43	-1.15	+14.7
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	43.80	-.13	-13.0
Disney (DIS)	110.87	+1.68	-28.4
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	107.63	+3.05	-15.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.21	+.26	-11.7
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.42	+.30	+1.6
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.22	+.01	-75.0
Ford Motor (F)	13.89	+.34	-33.1
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.32	+.44	-16.9
Gen Dynamics (GD)	229.44	+3.22	+10.1
Gen Electric (GE)	78.00	+.48	-17.4
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	3.48	+.50	-58.1
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.63	+.02	-63.1
Hartford Fh Sv (HIG)	71.95	+.67	+4.2
Honeywell Intl (HON)	197.04	+5.13	-5.5
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	12.25	+1.16	-23.1
Immix Biopharma Inc (IMMX)	2.39	+.54	-32.9
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.52	+.04	-75.6
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.51	+.48	-22.9
Intel Corp (INTC)	44.84	+.73	-12.9
Kaman (KAMN)	37.12	+.80	-14.0
Keycorp (KEY)	19.92	+.42	-13.9
Kraft Heinz Co (KHC)	36.39	-.86	+1.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	56.88	+.03	-16.7
M&T Bank (MTB)	180.38	+2.59	+17.5
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	35.13	+.94	-21.7
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	198.86	+10.22	-40.9
MetLife Inc (MET)	67.03	+.37	+7.3
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	274.58	+2.16	-18.4

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Missfresh Limited (MF)	.29	+.04	-94.3
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.23	-.19	-76.5
Nikola Corp (NKLA)	7.25	+.48	-26.5
Novartis AG (NVS)	89.79	+.15	+2.7
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.44	+.62	-52.7
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	195.92	+12.72	-33.4
Occid Petl (OXY)	69.30	-1.12	+139.0
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	75.24	+1.27	-13.6
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.30	+.84	-48.9
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	52.68	+.31	-10.8
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.94	+.20	-25.5
Prudential Fnci (PRU)	105.75	+.43	-2.3
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.54	+.44	+2.7
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	96.24	+1.43	+11.8
Redbox Entertainmnt (RDBX)	6.63	+1.02	-10.5
Repare Therapeutics (RPTX)	12.67	+3.92	-39.9
Rogers Corp (ROG)	264.51	+2.25	-3.1
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	33.48	+4.54	-67.5
SIGA Technologies (SIGA)	12.87	+.68	+71.1
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	65.52	+1.09	-20.1
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	14.90	+.97	-68.3
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.42	+.37	-53.1
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	9.37	-.27	+101.1
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	116.40	+1.70	-38.3
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.84	+.05	-1.9
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.39	+.01	-33.2
Terex Corp (TEX)	36.76	+1.62	-16.4
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	775.00	+34.63	-26.7
Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.44	+.26	-36.8
Travelers Cos (TRV)	178.06	+1.77	+13.8
Uber Technologies (UBER)	24.74	+1.80	-41.0
United Rentals (URI)	299.70	+6.20	-9.8
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	492.26	-.29	-2.0
Uranium Energy (UEC)	4.19	+.64	+25.1
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	195.09	+5.59	-34.3
Voya Financial (VOYA)	67.82	+.13	+2.3
Webster Financial (WBS)	50.40	+2.02	-9.7
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1249.78	-12.48	+23.3
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	67.30	+.22	+36.4
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	55.62	+4.26	-28.2
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.15	+.23	-15.4
Yamana Gold Inc (AUY)	5.87	+.30	+39.1

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Simplest answer to school shootings



Ross Douthat

To fully understand a problem like terrorism, you need to accept complexity, a sprawl of general factors — personal, historical, cultural — converging in a specific movement or a single actor. The kind of mass murdering, effectively suicidal terrorism that has taken hold in America in the 23 years since Columbine is no different, even if it doesn’t wave a flag or make political demands.

The cascade of mimetic violence, the despairing anti-politics, the horribly vulnerable targets, the young men willingly becoming monsters — so much is implicated here: our media ecosystem and our education system, religion and technology and fatherhood and relations between the sexes, a tangle of roots in poisoned soil.

But an important truth about policy-making — a conservative truth, in many contexts — is that you don’t have to fully understand a problem’s roots to do something about it. There’s no simple path to a future America where young men like the killer in Uvalde, Texas — may his name be blotted out — no longer seek apotheosis through mass murder. But as long as we live in this America, I want the next teenager with an obvious set of warning flags — severe familial disorder, self-harm, violent online threats — to find it much harder to turn 18 and immediately acquire a high-powered weapon.

The specificity of the problem is important. I am not interested in the liberal desire to fold the problem of Uvalde-style mass shootings, of nihilistic terrorism with a misogynist or racist edge, into a larger problem called “gun violence.”

America does indeed have a lot of gun violence, and we have had more of it in the past few years, but that violence is first and foremost a crime problem — one worsened by the easy availability of handguns but also by other novel factors, including the school closures and the police retreat that blue-state liberalism has recently encouraged.

Better enforcement of gun laws has its place in any response to the current homicide spike. But the liberals pining for sweeping new federal gun restrictions seem to be imagining either toothless laws that don’t affect anyone except the scrupulously law-abiding or some version of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s aggressive-policing regime imposed all over the country, when they



A makeshift memorial outside Robb Elementary School honors the 21 people killed in last week’s school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. ERIC GAY/AP

themselves decided that was authoritarian and racist.

In either case, the liberal anti-gun impulse often tends toward culture-war posturing, not a strategy for bringing homicide rates back down or preventing the kind of “school shootings” that are just general lawlessness spilling over onto school property.

I also have no interest in the apparent conservative desire — or least Texas Sen. Ted Cruz’s desire — to turn America’s schools into a zone of overpolicing, duck-and-cover fearfulness and military-level vigilance. Yes, there are schools in high-crime areas that need a police presence and there are school buildings well-suited to have a single, secured entrance. But beyond these basics, the potential ubiquity of armed security and active-shooter drills is its own sacrifice of liberty, and even if the right to a demilitarized childhood isn’t enumerated in the Constitution, it should be treasured and preserved.

Conservatives and libertarians should be aware of this given that they have spent two years arguing, reasonably, that the infliction of COVID-19 security theater on children does more harm than good. If that logic applies to the low risk to children from the virus, it surely applies to the low risk of school terrorism as well. And COVID theater, at least, did not risk spreading the virus further, whereas I strongly suspect that a constant childhood drumbeat about the risks of school massacres contributes to the dark romance of the deed — especially among those unhappy kids for whom K-12 education feels like a prison anyway.

So don’t give me a fanciful general war on guns or a general “hardening” of elementary schools. Give me policies, the simpler the better, that would stand between some meaningful percentage of mass shooters and their arsenals.

We have a decent sense of what those

policies might be. The people drawn to this kind of terrorism are overwhelmingly of a type — young, troubled, socially awkward men. They are not necessarily gun experts, prepared to retrofit any weapon they acquire for maximal lethality, nor are they necessarily experts at navigating black markets to acquire weapons they can’t get legally. And they often expose their instability and intentions in advance.

Yes, some will overcome all obstacles or strike without warning. But many others, including those like the Uvalde shooter, seem potentially deterrable at the point of weapons acquisition. As the University of Alabama criminologist Adam Lankford told The Dispatch, “if you make buying a firearm more difficult for people who find it difficult to do anything socially, that makes a difference.”

Those difference-making difficulties could be imposed via restrictions that target age and weapon type at once. Or they could be imposed through laws encouraging preemptive action by parties who might see the threat coming in advance. Age requirements for the purchase of AR-15s and other semi-automatic rifles fall into the first category; red flag laws, which enable interventions that temporarily strip dangerous-seeming people of their guns, are the best example of the second approach.

I’m open to both options, but my current policy preference is slightly different. I worry that red flag laws demand too much of bystanders and family members, while offering too little in cases where the potential shooter has cut himself off from normal contact. I’m not sure an age limit of 21 covers enough of the young male danger zone, and I also understand the objections of gun rights advocates to a system that demands that a 20-year-old enroll himself for potential military service but refuses him adult rights of self-defense.

So I would like to see experiments with

age-based impediments rather than full restrictions — allowing would-be gun purchasers 25 and under the same rights of ownership as 40- or 60-year-olds, but with more substantial screenings before a purchase. Not just a criminal-background check, in other words, but some kind of basic social or psychological screening, combining a mental-health check, a social-media audit and testimonials from two competent adults — all subject to the same appeals process as a well-designed red flag law.

This is an alteration and refinement of an earlier suggestion I floated following the Parkland shooting, which would have staggered the age at which various guns become available for legal purchase. Of course it generates its own set of objections, practical and constitutional; every potential gun regulation does. And if you fear our government enough, there will always be a reason to imagine that to yield anything is to yield everything — that today’s screening for early-20-something gun owners will become tomorrow’s tacit ban on conservatives buying guns, to pick the most obvious possible response.

But that’s a counsel of futility for responding to almost any threat, as long as our politics are polarized and trust in government stays low. And I’m not interested in futility, any more than I’m interested in the forms of right-wing overreaction or left-wing fantasy politics criticized above.

There’s a future where America’s gun-ownership rate is as high as ever, where our schools still look like schools rather than airport security lines and where 18-year-olds under a demonic shadow face meaningful obstacles to arming themselves for terrorism. Let’s try living there, and see what happens next.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

NATO must think before adding Finland and Sweden

By Emma Ashford
Bloomberg Opinion

One of the ironies of Russia’s war against Ukraine — ostensibly fought to prevent that nation from joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — has been its impact on two of Europe’s traditionally neutral states, Finland and Sweden. On May 18, just 84 days after the invasion, Swedish and Finnish ambassadors handed over applications to join NATO in a public ceremony at the alliance’s headquarters in Brussels.

“This is a historic moment which we must seize,” said Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg. “You are our closest partners, and your membership in NATO will increase our shared security.” It seems likely that their applications will be swiftly approved, and NATO will soon grow to a 32 member states.

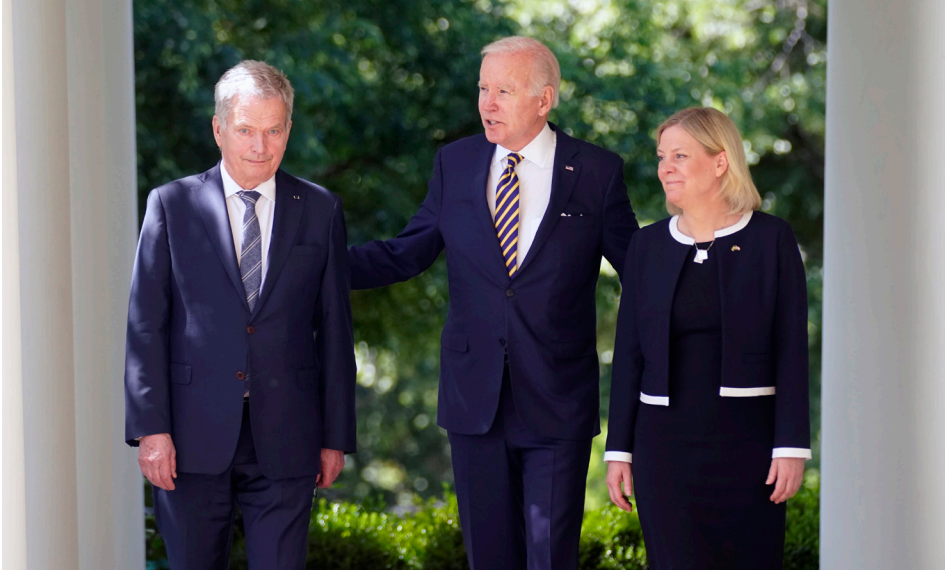
Yet in the rush to give Russian President Vladimir Putin a black eye by embracing Finland and Sweden, U.S. and NATO leaders may be failing to consider the potential costs of inducting two more countries into what, after all, is intended to be a collective defense organization.

There are only two clear-cut benefits to bringing in the two Nordic nations. The first is symbolic: providing a clear demonstration of European and democratic solidarity against Russian aggression in Eastern Europe. The second is technical: Admitting Finland and Sweden would better align the membership of NATO with that of the EU, avoiding the unlikely but problematic scenario in which an EU member state is subject to aggression but is not covered by NATO’s Article 5 mutual-defense pact.

In every other respect, however, the question of Finnish and Swedish membership is more complicated and worrisome.

Consider overall European defense capacity.

Yes, Finland and Sweden have highly advanced economies. They could be net contributors to NATO’s technological capabilities through national champions like Ericsson AB and Nokia Corp. They are also more capable militarily than some



President Joe Biden welcomes Finnish President Sauli Niinisto, left, and Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson to the White House last month. ANDREW HARNIK/AP

other European states — particularly Finland, which has maintained conscription into the post-Cold War period and has a relatively wide range of military competencies, including the continent’s largest artillery force.

Yet from the point of view of existing NATO members — and particularly the U.S. — it’s still not necessarily a net win. Finland and Sweden have long focused their militaries on defending their own territories, raising doubts about their value in contributing to a common defense, which is at the heart of NATO’s charter.

And while both nations have pledged to increase their military spending and ability to bolster Europe’s broader defenses, it is also possible that they would not. Instead, they may free-ride on America’s military strength — and its nuclear umbrella — as so many European states have done for years. According to the International Monetary Fund, neither country comes close to meeting the NATO goal of spending 2% of GDP on defense.

History suggests the most likely outcome is two more states adding to America’s

defense burden at a time when Washington should be pivoting to Asia.

Consider also the question of the defensibility of new NATO territory. Admitting Sweden could be strategically beneficial, allowing NATO forces to better control the Baltic Sea and to use Gotland Island — an important chokepoint off the Baltic States — as a staging ground for any future conflict.

Finnish territory, in contrast, is a strategic nightmare. It would dramatically increase the alliance’s exposure to any future attacks by Moscow: the country shares an 830-mile border with Russia that, as a recent study from the Center for Strategic and International Studies put it, is “highly exposed to Russian military threats.”

There are grab bag of other reasons for caution, including the usual concerns about expanding the alliance to an ever-more unwieldy set of member states. It doesn’t take a genius to predict that 32 nations will be even harder to manage than 30. Before its Ukraine moment, NATO was struggling to maintain the peace between

Greece and Turkey, few nations were meeting the 2% spending goal, and President Emmanuel Macron of France had drawn headlines for suggesting the alliance was experiencing “brain death.”

Even in the face of Russia’s aggression, support for adding the two members isn’t unanimous. Turkey’s vehement opposition to Finland and Sweden may be an attempt to wring political concessions from the alliance, but also owes a lot to these countries’ support for Kurdish causes.

Alliance leaders should also consider the risk of Russian overreaction. Moscow has started three wars over potential NATO expansion — invading Georgia in 2008 and Crimea in 2014 before the current war. While Moscow is clearly not able to stage another major military campaign right now, one cannot rule out Putin doing something irrational in response to a NATO expansion that takes the alliance within 200 miles of his birthplace of St. Petersburg.

At the same time, it’s not clear that Finland and Sweden are at increased risk unless they are allowed NATO membership. They have long relied on their neutral status and domestic defense capacity to prevent crises. Refusing to admit them to NATO is not hanging them out to dry, but simply retaining a workable status quo.

The symbolic value of admitting two new member states as the price for Russia’s brutality in Ukraine may carry the day in Brussels. But before proceeding further with the accession process — which offers leaders and legislatures in each member state a chance to weigh in — policymakers should consider the whole strategic picture, and whether admission strengthens the alliance or not.

Article 10 makes clear that existing members may invite new states to join if they “contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area.”

By that standard, the strategic case for admitting Sweden and Finland to NATO is not a slam-dunk.

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6/3/22 7220123

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The following vehicle will be auctioned off at
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Vin #: WBANV935780C261253 '08 BMW

The seller reserves the right to reject any
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The vehicle is sold AS IS with no guarantees.
6/1, 6/2 & 6/3/22 7220522

WEST HARTFORD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of West Hartford Zoning Board of
Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting at 7:00
PM, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Public
hearings will convene at 7:00 PM, or as
soon thereafter as the matter may be heard
in Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West
Hartford, CT, Legislative Chamber, Room 314
on the following:

#14-22 Scarsdale Road - Petition of
John and Correne Sunde (R.O.) requesting a
variance to section 177-20 D, obstructions
in yards. The applicant is requesting to
construct an approximately 8' x 10' shed
+/-10feet forward of the building line. **R-10
Zone** (This item was previously opened and
immediately continued to the June 15th,
2022 meeting)

#15-22 22 Montclair Drive - Petition of Eleta
Johns (R.O.) requesting a Special Exception
renewal for a customary home occupation
to operate a career counseling office as an
accessory use to the residence, for a period
of five-years per section 177-49 of the zoning
ordinances and per plans on file. **R-6 Zone**
At this hearing, interested person(s) may be
heard or submit written communication as
outlined below. The full application is avail-
able for public review by visiting the Town's
website and following this navigation path:
Government Tab > Boards & Commissions
> Zoning Board of Appeals> Next Meeting &
Agenda at: <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/government-services/boards-commissions/zoning-board-of-appeals>, or by email request
to comment.tpe@westhartfordct.gov.
Angelo DiMatteo, Chairperson of the Zoning
Board of Appeals
Brittany MacGillipin, Zoning Enforcement
Officer, Secretary to the Board

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Posted to Town Website on 6/10/2022;
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June 3, 2022 7225390

Connecticut

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-
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CubeSmart, 26 Maselli Road, Newington, CT
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at approx. 1:00PM at www.storage treasures.com

Cube # 158 - Ray Pabon
5/3,6/3/22 7217360

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

A certified list of Democratic party-endorsed
candidates for the Town of West Hartford for
election as State Representative for the 18th
Assembly District, Registrar of Voters and
Probate Judge will be on file with the Office of
the Secretary of the State, 30 Trinity Street,
Hartford, Connecticut, and copies thereof will
be available for public distribution. A
Primary will be held August 9, 2022 if the
required primary petition(s) for opposition
candidate(s) is filed, pursuant to Sections
9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General
Statutes, not later than 4:00 p.m. on June
7, 2022. Petition forms, instructions and
information concerning the procedure for
filing of opposing candidacies, including
schedules, may be obtained from Beth
Sweeney, Democratic, Registrar of Voters, 50
South Main Street, Room, Room 209, West
Hartford, CT.

Essie S. Labrot, Municipal Clerk
Town of West Hartford

7225644

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice To: Kaila Veneziano, mother of child
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named child.
The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any,
regarding minor child(ren) will be:
heard on: 7/5/22 at 2:00pm at 920 Broad
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Hearing on an Order of Temporary Custody
will be heard on 6/8/22 at 9:00am at 920
Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106
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Hon. Stephen Frazzini
/s/ Matthew Stackpole
Date signed 6/1/22

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6/3/2022 7226127

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing all labor, materials,
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Authority, Marino Manor" will be received
by The Middletown Housing Authority, 40
Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06457, on or
before 2:00 pm, on Thursday July 14, 2022,
at which time they will be publicly opened
and read aloud. Each bidder must provide
one original and two copies of the bid docu-
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will be returned unopened.

Bids will include the furnishing of all labor,
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A non-mandatory pre-bid walk through will
be held at 10 am on June 15, 2022. All
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A satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check, in
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Bids, to receive consideration, must be in the
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No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of
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Housing Authority

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Middletown Housing Authority
Bill Vassiliou, Executive Director
6/3, 6/10/2022 7225805

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Cube - 427 - Julia Bispham-Hare
Cube- 3204 - Gena McGrade
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Deep River Planning and Zoning
Commission will hold a Public Hearing on
Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via
Zoom Videoconference for the following:

a. Continuation of hearing on Zoning Text
amendment application to add definitions
for Cannabis Establishments under section
2-4C, add Cannabis Establishments to
sections 4,294.4.31 Districts and Schedule
of Uses as Special Permit Use, and add use
related standards for Cannabis Retail Stores
and Cannabis Cultivators under Section 7.B
Additional and Special Standards Specific For
Uses. Applicant: Deep River Planning and
Zoning Commission.

b. Special Permit for conversion of existing
barn into 600 sq. ft. retail space for 11 Union
St. Applicant: Jennie Marini.

c. Special Permit for reconstruction of an
existing deck, addition underneath an exist-
ing overhang, and a dormer above existing
intersecting gable roof under Section 14.4.1
Gateway Conservation Zone at 155 River
Road; Applicant: Eric Auer; Owner: Cary
Waelter.

The public may speak and submit written
communications until the close of the public
hearing. Details zoning@deepriverct.us
or available in the Land Use Office.

Anthony Bolduc
Chairman
6/3 & 6/10/22 7225005

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

A certified list of Republican party-endorsed
candidates for the Town of West Hartford for
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Assembly District, Registrar of Voters and
Probate Judge will be on file with the Office of
the Secretary of the State, 30 Trinity Street,
Hartford, Connecticut, and copies thereof will
be available for public distribution. A
Primary will be held August 9, 2022 if the
required primary petition(s) for opposition
candidate(s) is filed, pursuant to Sections
9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General
Statutes, not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 7,
2022. Petition forms, instructions and infor-
mation concerning the procedure for filing of
opposing candidacies, including schedules,
may be obtained from Beth Kyle, Republican,
Registrar of Voters, 50 South Main Street,
Room, Room 209, West Hartford, CT.

Essie S. Labrot, Municipal Clerk
Town of West Hartford

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BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

ON APRIL 26, 2022, THE BOLTON INLAND
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Issuance:
Permit 2022-3 - 10 French Road - Septic
Repair
Ross Lally, Chairman
Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission
6/3/22 7225842

Connecticut

The City of Hartford Planning and Zoning
Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6 p.m. to hear the
following public hearing items:

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Bloomfield
Jean Hotez

Enfield
Kenny Alford

Glastonbury
Paula L. Diaz

Hartford
Paula L. Diaz
Jane-Helen Ross

Manchester
Thea K. Pastore
Jack A. Stroup

Middletown
Christopher B. Clark
Daniel W. Pattee*

New Britain
Ismael Rivera
Zbigniew Sanko

Old Lyme
Elizabeth Howard

Old Saybrook
Elizabeth Howard

Other Towns in CT
Dr. Ronald Joanis
Donald C. Nichols
Rev. Roger S. Nicholson
Thea K. Pastore
Daniel W. Pattee*

Portland
Donald C. Nichols

Rocky Hill
Christopher B. Clark

Simsbury
Ismael Rivera

Southington
Zbigniew Sanko

West Hartford
Jean Hotez

Wethersfield
Jane-Helen Ross

Windsor Locks
Kenny Alford

* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Nicholson, Rev. Roger S.

Roger Stewart Nicholson died May 28, 2022 at the age of 94 in Verona, PA. Born April 14, 1928 in Salem, MA, the second child of Harold Forbes and Anne (Stewart) Nicholson, he was a 1945 graduate of Salem Classical and High School. He grew up active in Scouting and achieved the Eagle rank. He served as a staff member of the North Shore Council Camp Norshoco, rising to assistant director. He graduated from Tufts University in 1949 and entered Yale University Divinity School, receiving the Master of Divinity Degree in 1952. Upon receiving a call to serve as assistant pastor at The Park Church in Elmira, NY, he was ordained by the Essex South Association of the Congregational-Christina Church of America, June 13, 1952. The ordination was held at his home church, Tabernacle Congregational Church of Salem, MA. The Rev. Dr. Roland H. Bainton, Professor of Church History at Yale Divinity School and renowned Reformation Scholar, officiated. In 1954, Roger became minister to young adults at Asbury First Methodist Church in Rochester, NY. In 1957 he received a call to be Senior Pastor of South Congregational Church in East Hartford, CT, where he served for 21 years. A member of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, he served as its Moderator in 1976 and also chaired the board of directors. In 1979 he pioneered the role of Minister-at-Large under the Raymond Fund of the Congregational Church of New Canaan, serving Connecticut churches in transition between ministers, ultimately serving 22 different congregations. He led the development of the Connecticut Conference Interim Ministry program and served as Interim Conference Minister during its search for a new executive in the late 90s. He received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Hartford Seminary in 1983 and was cited by the Seminary for distinction in parish ministry in 1990. A member of the Interim Ministry Network and a faculty member in its training program, Roger edited the seminal book about interim ministry, Temporary Shepherds, under the Alban Institute. A 51-year member of Rotary International, he was a past president of the East Hartford, CT Rotary Club and a Paul Harris fellow. He served as Coordinator of Volunteers for Heifer International in Connecticut from 1983 to 2003 and became Western Pennsylvania Volunteer Coordinator in 2004. While coordinator in Connecticut he co-chaired the development task force for Overlook Farms in Rutland, MA, Heifer International's Northeast Regional Center. Roger was predeceased by his first wife, Rosemarie Kissling of Salem, MA, and his second wife, Anne Walkama of Portland, OR, as well as two sisters, Phyllis Gifford (Topsfield, MA), Jean Geary (Beverly, MA), and a brother, David (Springfield, MA). He is survived by a brother, William, of Danvers, MA, his daughters Karen Nicholson of Stratford, NJ, Alison Francis (David) of Pittsburgh, PA, and sons Mark Nicholson (Dinorha Medina) of Belgrade, ME and Jason Arth (Meredith Allen) of San Rafael, CA, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and their descendants. A fervent Red Sox fan, Roger adored his grandchildren, a good cup of hot coffee, a corny pun, strawberry ice cream, and his newspaper. His gentle spirit, abundant compassion, and human kindness touched many people, and he enriched the lives of all who knew him. Services will be private. Arrangement by Schellhaas Funeral Home, Bakerstown, PA. www.schellhaasFH.com.

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Rivera, Ismael



Ismael "Ish" Rivera, 55, of West Simsbury, passed away in a tragic motorcycle accident on May 29, 2022. Born in Isabela, Puerto Rico, son of Filomena Cuevas and the late Adolfo Rivera, he also lived in the Bronx, before eventually moving to Hartford where he grew up with his mother and ten siblings. Ish attended Hartford Public High School, where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Linda (Garcao), who he was married to for 32 years. He received his bachelor's from SCSU, master's from CCSU, and was currently working towards master's +60 at the American College of Education. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps Reserve, and served during Operation Desert Storm. He received the honor of the most physically fit marine in his platoon. Ish was a Special Education teacher for 29 years at the Consolidated School District of New Britain. He was at Slade Middle School for 16 years, and most recently taught at DiLoreto. He touched the lives of many of his students and was able to guide and forever change their life trajectory. Ish was a loving husband, father and friend. His children were a source of great pride and happiness to him. He will forever be remembered for his fun loving personality. He was kind and caring and quick to offer a hand to a friend in need. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed working outside, golfing, kayaking, fishing, hiking and cycling. He loved traveling and family vacations to OBX, Portugal and Puerto Rico. He also loved cooking and was happiest sharing a meal with his family. A sports enthusiast, no one was better than his New York Yankees and Giants. Besides his wife, he is survived by his family: son, Alec John Rivera of Brookline MA; daughter, Lauren Marie Rivera of NYC; mother, Filomena Rivera; brothers, Eli and wife Lourdes, Jesus and wife Catherine, Luis and wife Barbara, David and Hector; sisters, Haydee, Mirta, Miriam & husband Efrain; sisters-in-law, Maria and husband Bill Gallagher, and Isabel and husband Bob Tynik. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Adolfo Rivera, and brothers, Wilson, Miguel and Jose. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 4th at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM closing with a memorial service at 3:30 PM. Donations in his memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. Please visit Ish's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Diaz, Paula L. (Munoz)



Paula Lorenza (Munoz) Diaz, 98, of Glastonbury, beloved wife for 56 years of the late Santiago Miguel Diaz, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2022 surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Las Villas, Cuba on August 10, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Jesus Munoz and Maxima Horta. Prior to coming to the United States, Paula and Santiago owned many successful businesses and were entrepreneurs and philanthropists in Havana, Cuba. Paula immigrated to the United States in 1970 to reunite her family and worked for Travelers Insurance Company and the family's restaurants, Corvo and Azucar in Hartford. Paula was an incredible daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She was incredibly witty and had the most wicked sense of humor, which would make every moment spent with her unforgettable. Paula will be forever loved and missed by her son, Pedro M. Diaz and his wife Isabel of Miami, FL; her daughter, Hilda Iris Pirrotta and her husband Salvatore of Glastonbury; four adored grandsons, Edward M. Diaz and his wife Melanie of Los Angeles, CA, Santo Pirrotta and his wife Kerri of Eastford, David M Pirrotta and his partner Denis of Los Angeles, CA and Kevin J. Diaz of Miami, FL; five cherished great-grandchildren, Sophia, Liam, Austin, Jaelynn and Emmalee; her sister, Josefa Guerreiro of Miami, FL, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to her husband and parents, Paula was predeceased by three brothers, Felino, Luis and Rafael Munoz; four sisters, Gloria Munoz, Aurora Cobas, Ofelia Pino and Juana Concepcion and her beautiful granddaughter, Tammy M. Diaz. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 6 at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church), 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, June 5 from 12-2 p.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Donations in Paula's memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), 20 Batterson Park Road, Suite 302, Farmington, CT 06032. To share a memory of Paula with her family, please visit www.desopoe.com.



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Stroup, Jack Arthur



Jack Arthur Stroup (86) of Manchester, CT died at home on Tuesday May 24th, 2022. Jack was born and raised in Williamsport, PA the son of the late William and Mildred (Olmstead) Stroup. After graduating from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, Jack spent six years in the National Guard. He was a dedicated employee of Aetna Life & Casualty for over 35 years and a member of the Society of Magicians for over 45 years. In addition, Jack was an active member of North United Methodist church, volunteering in many roles over the years. Jack was a devoted family man who enjoyed being a father and grandfather. His strength, determination, and quick wit will be dearly missed.

Along with his parents Jack was preceded in death by his infant daughter Jennifer Lynn and his brother William Stroup. Jack is survived by his beloved wife of almost 59 years, Cynthia; their daughters Ann St. Laurent and Christine Clark and her husband Peter; their grandchildren Zachery and Jacob St Laurent and Ligeia Clark; former son-in-law Michael St. Laurent and his wife Jane.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holmes-Watkins Funeral Home. To sign the online guestbook or leave a message of condolence please visit www.holmeswatkins.com.

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Hotez, Jean (Goldberg)



Jean Hotez, 92, originally of Hartford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning June 1, 2022, at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Boston, Massachusetts. She will be laid to rest at Beth El Cemetery, 51 Jackson Street, Avon, Connecticut 06001. Shiva services will be held at 200 Estate Drive, Apt 333, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467. Jean was born in Hartford, Connecticut on July 27, 1929, and attended Weaver High School where she was voted, "Most Beautiful" by her High School class. As a teenager in the 1940's she also sang and danced on Arthur Godfrey's radio show. She met her husband of 67 years Edward ("Eddie") Hotez after he after he came back from the war and graduated Trinity College. They married in 1950 and moved to New York where Eddie was from. There they had their first two children, Lawrence in 1951 and Richard in 1954. Jean wanted to return to her beloved Connecticut, so they moved back with their two children, settled on Brightview Drive in West Hartford and continued to expand their family. Eventually they would have two more children, Peter, and Elizabeth, and they moved to Lovelace Drive in West Hartford where they raised their children and Jean lived for most of her adult life. Jean was a devoted friend, dearly loved her family and was a true beacon of light and joy to all who knew her. She was an avid knitter and blessed her family and friends with beautiful blankets and sweaters. She was also well known for her fantastic Mandelbread, and her love of all things candy. Jean was a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and is survived by her children, Dr. Lawrence Hotes and his wife Linda, of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and their two children Alyssa and Andrew (and her great grandchildren Mila, Olivia, and Eloise); Dr. Peter Hotez and his wife Ann, of Houston, Texas, and their four children Matthew, Emily, Daniel, and Rachel; her daughter Elizabeth Kirshenbaum and her husband Warren, of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and their three children Marissa, Samuel, and Julia; and her daughter-in-law Andrea Hotes of West Hartford, Connecticut and her children Gennifer Lippman, her husband Josh of Fairfield, Connecticut and their children (her great grandchildren Ross and Noah); and Todd Hotes and his wife Jessica of Westport Connecticut and their son (her great grandson) River. Jean was preceded in death by her husband Edward in 2015, and her son Dr. Richard Hotes in 2003. She will be dearly missed.

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OBITUARIES

Alford, Kenny



Robert "Kenny" Alford, 60, of Windsor Locks, beloved husband to Marie (Miller) Alford, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 30, 2022. Kenny was born on July 16, 1961, in Hartford, the loving son to the late Lavern and Helen (Sellers) Alford. He enjoyed a long career of 21 years with Windsor AirMotive in East Granby as an expeditor. Kenny spent the last 16 years of his career as the maintenance supervisor for SHP Management where he oversaw the Fresh Water Pond Apartments in Enfield and was always quick to lend a hand to everyone who needed his assistance and handy work. He was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed old cars. As a jack of all trades, Kenny was often found fixing and working on small engines and equipment and taking on any projects to help his family, friends or neighbors. His kind heart and warm personality made it easy for him to befriend and respect everyone he met throughout life's journey. Above all, Kenny was a true family man and his biggest joy was the time spent with his beloved wife, two daughters whom he cherished and his many extended family members. In addition to his wife of 39 years, Marie, Kenny is survived by his daughters, Kaitlynn and Megan Alford, both of Windsor Locks; siblings, Hazel Pizzaro (John) of Agawam, MA, Rocky Alford (Jane) of Windsor Locks, Dayton Alford (Anita) of Bolton, Bobby Alford (Karen) of East Windsor, and Sheila Warzynski (Michael) of Enfield. He is also survived by a brother-in-law, Tom Traygis of Manchester, his four legged companions, Mishuu, Zeus, and Bella, grand-dogs, Zara and Kali, his grand-cat who he adored, Bella, and many nieces and nephews. Kenny was predeceased by a sister, Sandra Traygis. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours on Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 4-8 pm at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St., Windsor Locks, CT. A service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 10:00 am. Burial will follow at Enfield Street Cemetery. To leave online condolences please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com

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Higgins, Nancy (Gorski)



Nancy (Gorski) Higgins, beloved wife of Norman Higgins, entered peacefully into eternal life surrounded by her family on Wednesday May 25, 2022. Born in Hartford on July 10, 1951, daughter of the late Louis Gorski Sr. and Anastasia (Pawluk) Gorski. Nancy raised her family in Glastonbury, continually exemplifying her spiritual strength, teaching us all to be humble, patient and above all to love one another, while always praying to our Lord Jesus. Nancy always said "I don't mind getting older because I am getting closer to Jesus ". Nothing brought more joy than her family and friends including her beloved pets. Nancy worked at Patrons Ins. and Amica Ins. but most of her talent was saved for the Church family while volunteering and chairing many committees over 30 years. Nancy brilliantly reflected the kindness of her grandfather, The Very Reverend John Pawluk. She was truly one of God's Shining Stars and left this world a better place. Nancy was predeceased by her sister Ann Carney and is survived by a sister Sandra Gorski and a brother Louis Gorski Jr. daughters Christine and husband, the late Gregory Priest, Kimberly Eagen and husband Robert, granddaughters Kelly, Ashley, Katelyn, Jacqueline, Nicole and nieces, nephews, many cousins and their loved ones. A heartfelt thanks to all of Nancy's Htfd. Health Care Hospice group and all of her Dr's past and present. We are blessed to have such dedicated, caring and loving support and will forever be grateful. A Mass will be celebrated on Saturday June 4, at 11:00 am in St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd, South Glastonbury. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts in Nancy Higgins name, may be made to: Saints Isidore & Maria Parish, 2577 Main St. Glastonbury, CT. 06033 and First Church of Christ 2183 Main St. Glastonbury CT. 06033. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Pastore, Thea K



Thea Katherine Pastore passed peacefully on to her next adventure on May 31 at home with her loving husband George. She was born in Boston on July 1, 1950, the first of 3 children, to Frank and Dorothea Pastore (Koresky). After high school, Thea attended Boston Business School and worked various positions in legal offices, as an executive assistant in the FAA, and then as an Air Traffic Controller. Later she started a second career and served as a corporate executive in the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Co and consulted as an independent project manager with various other corporations in the Hartford area before retiring.

An avid reader, her many interests included a jewelry making, gardening and caring for heirloom plants passed down through the family over the years. Over the course of her life she continued to be an enthusiastic gardener and a generous donor for both animal and human rights. Her extraordinary connection to nature and appreciation of our interconnectedness led her to always celebrate the changing of the seasons – this spring her beautiful gardens were a dramatic demonstration of how her work and mother nature's blended so beautifully. A life long Patriot's fan and season ticket holder, she kept abreast of the comings and goings on the team roster and loved the team through thick and thin.

Thea is survived by her loving husband, George Hoffman, her mother, Dorothea Pastore, her brother Karl Pastore and his wife Lauri Webster and their son, Luke Pastore. She is predeceased by her father, Frank Pastore and another younger brother, Anthony Pastore.

Thea's quick wit and striking sense of humor will be missed by her many friends in both Boston and Connecticut and we will all be a little poorer for the lack of her willing smile and helpful demeanor.

A celebration of life will be scheduled over the coming weeks so her many friends can remember and celebrate the amazing person she was. In lieu of flowers we're asking that donations be directed to your local animal rescue organization.

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Howard, Elizabeth (Howe)



Elizabeth "Lee" Howard died on December 14, 2021 in Chester, CT. She was 90 years old. Born on June 16, 1931 to Archibald Murray Howe and Margaret Allen Howe in North Andover, MA, Lee and her siblings Archie and Peggy grew up on Osgood Street, the former home of the first postmaster general of the US. A spirited young woman and excellent student, Lee graduated from Vassar College in 1952. Lee Married Philip Howard in 1954 and raised four sons in Cold Spring Harbor, NY: David (Valerie Francese) of Fayetteville, NC; Chris (BZ Bickford) of Mystic, CT; Daniel (deceased); and Mark (Cynthia Mathes) of Rye, NY. She has 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren: Melissa (Schwaner) and son JD, Alison Boore (Lewis) and children Giuliana, Renee and Landon; Jimmy (Rachel) Howard and son Raynor; Grant, Charlie and Brady Howard. Working with local, state and national arts councils, Lee was a life-long leader in making access to the arts available to all. From Executive Director of the Huntington Arts Council, she went on to create the Alliance of the NY State Arts Councils and work with the National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies. She later worked with the LA Music Center, the California Insititute for the Arts and Lyme (CT) Academy of Fine Arts. In recognition of her 50 years promoting the arts from Chester to China, Lee was granted an award for "Lifetime Achievement in Arts Leadership." She was an active parishioner of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Old Lyme, serving on the Vestry (was Warden). She was a resident of Chester Village West in Chester, CT and served on committees there. Lee cherished time spent in a family summer house on the island of Vinalhaven, Maine. She enjoyed sailing, picnics, reading and spending time with family. A memorial service will be held at St. Ann's Church in Old Lyme on Thursday, June 16th at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Ann's Church can be made in Lee's name.

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Joanis, Dr. Ronald

Dr. Ronald Joanis was born on May 26th, 1944 in Hartford, CT. He graduated from St. Ann's School, Assumption Preparatory School, Assumption College and Georgetown School of Dentistry. Upon graduation from dental school Ron and his family moved to Clinton where he practiced dentistry for over 40 years. He was committed to give back to the community and served as a Little League coach, a scout leader, Planning and Zoning Commission, Lions Club, Clinton Fire Department and Clinton Ambulance Association. Ron was also an instructor at the Connecticut Fire Academy. He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Kathleen. His two son's; Michael (Wendy) and Sean (Ruth) along with six grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Swan Funeral Home, 80 E. Main St., Clinton. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in Ron's name may be made to the Clinton Ambulance Association, 35 E. main St., Clinton, CT 06413.

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Clark, Christoper B

Christopher B. Clark, 57, was raised in Middletown and spent the latter part of his life in Rocky Hill. He passed away on Sunday, May 29th, 2022. Chris was the son of the late Mary and Paul Clark of Middletown. He spent many years as a sheet metal worker and took great care of his craft. Chris was a loving father who cared deeply for his family and always offered a helping hand. He loved to read and collect sewing machines. Chris leaves behind two daughters who he was so proud of: Kelly and Kerry Clark of Middletown. He also leaves behind an ex-wife, Patricia Clark; two brothers, Jonathan and Jeremy Clark; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held in the future. If interested in attending, please contact Patricia Clark at pattyclark362@gmail.com.

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In Loving Memory Of
ANN C. MARTIN



3/11/1942- 6/3/2017



Dear Ann,
Your presence is still with us; you are missed every day, especially at our celebrations of holidays, marriages, christenings and graduations.
Your constant source of love, comfort and strength is missed everyday. You were the best! Thank God for the memories.
Love, Michael, Michael jr. Edward, Kathleen and Daniel

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State employee retirements top 4,300

Governmental departures have nearly doubled since 2019-21 — and it's been coming for years

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

More than 4,330 state employees have retired since Jan. 1 or filed their written intention to do so, according to data released from Comptroller Natalie Braswell's office.

That's nearly double the number of retirements state government has faced annually between 2019 and 2021 as a spring surge in workforce departures continues.

The latest total includes 3,084 employees who have left state service since the new year began and another 1,251 who intend to leave by July 1. The latter number could change over the next month.

"Refilling these vacancies is not only paramount to our ability to protect the critical public services we all rely on but also to ensure a strong economy that addresses the historical, racial and socio-economic gap present in Connecticut," said Drew Stoner, spokeswoman

for the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition.

State government has been bracing for years for a surge in retirements this spring.

Part of the problem stems from an aging workforce. But the driving factor involves more stringent limits on state worker retirement benefits, which take effect this July. Those changes were negotiated as part of a 2017 union concessions package that also included wage freezes and other benefit changes in exchange for temporary protection for workers against layoffs.

The bargaining coalition, which represents the majority of union-

ized state employees, has been pushing hard to reverse a shrinking of the state's workforce that began more than a decade ago.

According to data obtained by the CT Mirror from the state Office of Policy and Management in late April, all Executive Branch agencies — excluding public colleges and universities — had collectively filled 25,700 of the 30,080 positions authorized for them in the state budget.

The 17% vacancy rate is almost double where it stood two years ago, when 94% of jobs were empty.

But the downsizing of state government goes back well before

then.

Between 2011 and 2018, the legislature and then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy relied chiefly on attrition to shrink the Executive Branch workforce by about 10% to help close several budget deficits.

Union leaders have said many state agencies faced a staffing crisis even before the latest retirement surge.

Gov. Ned Lamont, who took office in 2019, negotiated new contracts with most state employee unions this past spring that he says should help

Turn to Workforce, Page 2

Hundreds gather in Canton to pay tribute to beloved poet, environmentalist and public servant David Leff



A display at Tuesday's memorial service for Joshua Leff at the Collinsville Green in Canton. TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT

'A CHAMPION OF OUR VILLAGE'

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

CANTON — Hundreds of people encircled the Collinsville Green on Tuesday evening to memorialize the life of David Leff, a former deputy commissioner for the Department of Environmental Protection whose contributions as an environmentalist, lawyer, author, poet, public servant, historian, volunteer firefighter, friend and family man are an enduring legacy.

Leff died suddenly last weekend as a result of a stroke, according to family members. He was 67.

"My father was a man who lived a life greater than any of us could individually understand," Leff's son, Joshua Leff, said. "He lived life to the fullest."

One by one, the litany of speakers includ-



Leff

ing family members, a lawyer, a former town first selectman, a firefighter, poets, educators and environmentalists, spoke to honor Leff, a man described by friends as a Renaissance man.

"One thing about David, he had lots of families, and the number of people here tonight is a testament to how much he meant in so many different areas of life, whether it be poetry, or maple sugaring, or nature, or history. He was very much a Renaissance man who I am proud to have called a friend for over 30 years," said Jay Kaplan, who noted Leff's work with the Roaring Brook Concert Series.

Leff's contributions as a state employee included his hand in the largest land conservation acquisition ever, about 15,000 acres of what's principally known as the Centennial Watershed State Forest,

according to his sister, Elizabeth Leff.

Mark Brance, who attended UConn Law School with Leff in the 1970s, said Leff was instrumental in the state increasing the percentage of land that has been designated as open space.

Leff had a profound love of nature, said Kaplan, showing up at the Hartford landfill before 6 a.m. to census grassland birds, as well as doing Christmas and summer bird counts at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.

Elizabeth Leff also recalled the notepads that her brother always had on him, where he would record the world around him.

"Observations of trees, rocks, turtles," Elizabeth Leff said. "He called them 'marvels hidden in plain sight.'"

Elizabeth said David's attention to nature was on display when, while bird

Turn to Leff, Page 2

From Windsor Locks to the moon

Work on NASA's next-gen spacesuit returns to Connecticut

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Work is returning to Connecticut to make NASA's next-generation spacesuit.

Collins Aerospace, a division of Raytheon Technologies Corp., announced Wednesday that the space agency selected the aerospace manufacturer, ILC Dover of Newark, Del., and Oceaneering International of Houston to make the spacesuit that astronauts could wear when working outside the International Space Station and, in the coming decade, on the moon.

The development work will be completed in Houston, and the spacesuit will be engineered and designed in Windsor Locks, said a spokeswoman for Collins. The spacesuit program will be managed at Windsor Locks.

"Collins was there when the first man walked on the moon, and we'll be there when humankind goes back," said Phil Jasper, president of Mission Systems at Collins Aerospace.

Hamilton Standard, an aviation manufacturer based in Windsor

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A demonstration of the astronaut spacesuit in September 2021 at Collins Aerospace. SEAN SHERIDAN/COURTESY

Hartford mom brings 'bling' in side business

She's jazzing up Crocs with rhinestones, charms

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

A mom who loves the "cloud nine" comfort of Crocs has made a hobby/side business of adding "bling" to the popular summer shoes made of foam.

That's "bling" in the form of rhinestones, designer charms, fabric and even bows.

"It's a fun thing for me to do. It's a little hobby, money on the side," she said. "They want me to bling them out."

It all started about a year ago when Jenkins' teenage daughter showed her a TikTok video of "blinged out" Crocs selling for \$225.

Jenkins, a creative person, watched the video and told her

daughter she could decorate them even better for much less money and made her a pair.

Jenkins put a photograph of her creation on Facebook and people quickly wanted to get their Crocs and knockoff brands "blinged out" by Jenkins.

Jenkins, a certified nursing assistant, decided to give it a try — and now her creations are crazy in demand.

"I tell people, 'Get your Crocs and bring them to me,'" Jenkins said.

She said her price is right compared to others who decorate the shoes. She charges \$100 if the customer provides the foam shoes and \$150 if she provides the footwear.

Jenkins designs them for



June Jenkins, of Hartford, a certified nursing assistant, has found a side business jazzing up Crocs shoes with colorful rhinestones, charms and more. COURTESY

women, children and men, and can incorporate any theme. She recently made a Peppa Pig-themed pair for a child.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Positivity, hospital cases keep declining

But expert warns variants will drive new surges

Staff report

The number of new coronavirus cases in Connecticut continued to fall this week, along with hospitalizations, though Hartford Healthcare's COVID-19 expert warned the virus is not going away anytime soon.

There were 3,583 positive cases recorded by the state in the past seven days, less than half of the 7,560 recorded the week before, according to state data, available at data.ct.gov. With 33,085 tests recorded, the state's positivity rate is now 10.83%, down from 12.05% on May 26 and 14% on May 19, showing the decline of a wave that began in early April with a highly

transmissible variant of omicron.

Hospitalizations also fell, from 379 a week ago to 311 Thursday. Officials note that many of those are incidental cases, in which people were admitted to a hospital for other reasons and then tested positive upon arrival.

Connecticut saw 39 COVID-related deaths in the past week, the data shows. There were 19 deaths recorded last week and an additional 39 the week of May 19. Research has shown that deaths from the virus tend to lag behind an increase in cases.

Omicron continues to be the dominant variant, the state said,

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CONNECTICUT

IN BRIEF

HARTFORD

Woman gets \$6.8M in sex-abuse suit

A jury in federal court awarded \$6.8 million to a former Connecticut woman who sued her stepfather for years of alleged sexual abuse. The Courant is not identifying the parties to the case in order to protect the identity of an alleged sexual abuse victim.

The jury ordered damages paid to the victim following a trial in U.S. District Court in Hartford.

In her complaint, the 25-year-old plaintiff alleged that, after her mother married her stepfather in 2001 and when she was a “very young girl,” her stepfather began what became years of abuse. The victim’s mother and stepfather, who have homes in Connecticut and in Florida, remain married, according to the complaint.

ANSONIA

Teen charged in April murder

A 17-year-old Ansonia resident has been charged with murder in connection with an April slaying, police said. Monteral Crews, whose name was released because the case against him was transferred to adult court, is charged with felony murder, first-degree criminal attempt at robbery, first degree conspiracy to commit robbery and carrying a pistol without a permit, police said.

Crews was arraigned Wednesday at Superior Court in Derby in connection with the April 5 shooting death in Ansonia of Johnny Class, 20, of Stratford, police said. Crews was arraigned in Juvenile Court on Tuesday, when the case was transferred to adult court, police said. Crews was taken into custody in North Carolina by the U.S. Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force on May 13 and brought back to Connecticut on May 27, police said. Crews is being held in lieu of \$1.5 million bail and his next court date is June 23, 2022 at Superior Court in Milford, police said.

The investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are anticipated.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the police department at 203-735-1885 or anonymous tips can be left at Tip411 at https://www.tip411.com/tips/new?alert_group_id=21553.

BRIDGEPORT

Murder suspect dies in Tennessee

A Connecticut man who was wanted on a warrant charging him with murder took his own life after he was traced to Tennessee, according to Bridgeport police. Police had an active warrant charging Glenn Pettway with murder in the Saturday death of Marisol Dumeng in Bridgeport and received a tip that Pettway was in Jackson, Tennessee, police said.

The U.S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force acted on the tip and relayed information to Tennessee law enforcement, Bridgeport police said in a statement. “Just after 5 p.m. June 1, law enforcement in Tennessee confirmed Pettway was inside a residence armed with a handgun,” Bridgeport police said. “After a lengthy standoff, entry was made into the Jackson Tennessee residence on June 2, 2022. Glenn Pettway was found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound prior to police making contact with him inside the home. Evidence was seized and collected from the scene.”

Police said the investigation is ongoing with an additional arrest or arrests anticipated.

Anyone with information on the investigation is asked to contact the Bridgeport Police Tips Line at 203-576-TIPS (8471) or contact BPD Homicide Detective Tom Harper at 203-581-5239.

TOLLAND

West Haven man dies after I-84 crash

A 24-year-old West Haven man died Thursday when the vehicle he was driving west-bound on Interstate 84 skidded off the roadway before Exit 68 in Tolland and hit a tree around 5 a.m., state police said. Conor Patrick Pickering of Scott Street in West Haven was taken by ambulance to Rockville General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, state police said.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Trooper Mark Dennis #718 at Troop C, 860-896-3200.

— Staff reports

Lamont halts sidestep of police reform law

Veto stops West Haven from obtaining military vehicle in Farmington

By Susan Haigh
Associated Press

Gov. Ned Lamont has vetoed legislation that would have allowed a Connecticut police department to bypass the state’s 2020 police reform law and obtain a surplus military vehicle from another community.

The Democrat said he opposes making the one-time exception for the city of West Haven. He noted it would be “inconsistent” with the two-year-old law that prohibits state and local police from acquiring certain pieces of surplus federal military equipment, including the “mine-resistant ambush-protected” vehicle sought by West Haven, known as

an MRAP. Lamont said allowing the exception would be at odds with “community-focused policing” practices his administration supports.

“MRAPs were included in the list following several national and local instances of inappropriate use of such vehicles,” Lamont wrote in his veto message, released late Wednesday. He said the creation of Connecticut’s list of barred equipment, which includes items such as weaponized drones and grenade launchers, had followed “an extended public debate regarding the militarization of police.”

Charles Ferraro, R-West Haven, said city officials were seeking to obtain the vehicle from the town Farmington for “life-saving measures,” especially during severe storms. He said West Haven has been attempting to acquire such a vehicle since 2011,

but they’ve been either too costly or in poor condition.

“Being a shoreline community, we have experienced numerous devastating storms such as Sandy, Irene and snowstorm Nemo. These storms caused flooding, downed trees, and debris as well as a historical snow fall total,” Ferraro said in written testimony.

Ferraro said there’s “much misunderstanding surrounding the acquisition of such vehicles.” He said the vehicle has been stripped of its military armaments, including one layer of armor.

State Sen. James Maroney, D-Milford, whose district includes West Haven, noted in written testimony that municipalities are allowed to petition the governor or the state Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to retain surplus military equipment “for

relief or rescue efforts in the case of a natural disaster or for other public safety purposes.”

A message was left seeking comment with the West Haven Police Department about Lamont’s veto.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut had urged lawmakers to reject the bill during the legislative session, which adjourned May 4. The group said in written testimony that it opposes legislation that “facilitates the unnecessary militarization of the police” in the state.

“Highly militarized police units and equipment turn communities into war zones,” said Jess Zaccagnino, the group’s policy counsel. “Neighborhoods are not battlegrounds, and no arm of the government should be treating Connecticut residents like wartime enemy combatants.”

NASA

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Locks, played a large role in making the early spacesuit in the 1960s. Its work was continued by its successor, Hamilton Sundstrand.

Formerly a unit of United Technologies Corp., the Hamilton Sundstrand brand was replaced by UTC Aerospace Systems after United Technologies bought North Carolina-based aircraft parts manufacturer Goodrich in 2011. United Technologies expanded its aerospace business in 2018 with the acquisition of Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and its 2020 merger with Raytheon Co. to become Raytheon Technologies Corp.

ILC Dover designs spacesuits, space habitats and inflatable landing systems. Oceaneering provides engineering services and products and manufactures robotics for the offshore energy, defense, aerospace, manufacturing and entertainment industries.



A Collins Aerospace spacesuit is on display at the 2019 International Space Summit in Hartford. COURANT FILE PHOTO

tries. Collins said the spacesuits protect against temperatures ranging from minus-250 degrees to 250 degrees while providing functionality and mobility. The next generation spacesuits contain life support components such as oxygen supply, electrical power, ventilation and hydration.

Virus

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with BA.2 accounting for 89% of cases diagnosed this week. Evolving subvariants will continue to drive transmission through the summer with a spike in the fall, Ulysses Wu, MD, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare,

said in a post Thursday on Hartford Healthcare’s News Hub.

“Levels are not going to approach winter levels or last summer’s delta variant levels, but we also will not approach the lows that we would like to see,” Wu said. “We will continue to go through waves of ‘swells’ throughout the early summer at the least, with a likely spike in late fall.”

Bling

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Pastor Rosa Smith-Hill, CEO and founder of the nonprofit Reality Outreach Inc., said Jenkins kindly did a workshop on blinging out crocs with a group of children after having the shoes and supplies donated.

“They were able to create something beautiful for themselves,” Smith-Hill said. “She made me a pair of crocs as gratitude (for allowing Jenkins to serve) and blinged them all out — they’re beautiful.”

Jenkins’ teenage daughter, La-Mya McDonald, 15, said she always gets compliments when she wears the yellow Crocs her mom blinged out for her.

“When I’m walking to school, they say, ‘Your Crocs are so cute,’” La-Mya said. “They’re really flashy, and it makes them fun.”

Jenkins said “everybody loves” Crocs because they’re comfort-

able. They are also generally noted for not retaining smells.

“It feels like you’re on cloud nine,” Jenkins said.

Using a special glue, Jenkins jazzes up the otherwise plain-looking shoes with colorful rhinestones, designer charms with names that include Louis Vuitton, Gucci, MCM and various fabrics, even bows.

Aside from being CNA and Croc blinger extraordinaire, Jenkins is president of the PTO and School Governance Council at Betances STEM Magnet School, where one of her daughters attends.

Principal Anthony Brooks, who doesn’t own a pair of Jenkins’ blinged out Crocs, describes her as “a valued member of our school community,” who is a huge help in raising funds for student and family activities such as school dances and family luncheons.

Jenkins can be reached by email at junejenks81@gmail.com or through Facebook messenger.

Leff

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watching in Belize five years ago, he recorded 40 different species of birds, roughly in order in which he saw them.

He emailed the list to everyone who hiked with him, including his sister.

“This email brought chortles of laughter and amazement, as no one else knew we had even seen 40 different types of birds, never mind what type they were,” Elizabeth said.

Leff’s roots in Canton ran deep, as he served as the town moderator, town historian, the town’s poet laureate, chairman of the Collinsville Historic District Commission and the safety officer of the Canton Volunteer Fire and EMS.

Wayne Goeben, the former chief of Canton Fire and EMS, credited Leff for coming up with the department’s tagline, “Valuing life at a moment’s notice.”

Leff joined the department in the late 1980s, when firefighter safety was just coming to the fore-

front, Goeben said.

“He joined at a time when some of us rode on the back step; at a time when we had open-cab trucks and lap belts only,” Goeben said. “Safety was a real challenge, and David was our biggest advocate. ... We’ll never know how many injuries or deaths were prevented from David’s intervention, but I know our members were safe because he was there. ...

“David was a champion of our village and of all of our residents. I know my life, my family’s lives and your lives and our town are much the better for having him in it.”

Leff was a man with a gift for words, as evidenced by the poets — Joan Hofmann, Bruce Pratt, Rennie McQuilken and Margaret Gibson — who read works either by or for Leff. Pratt, who teaches creative writing at the University of Maine, read one of Leff’s poems, “Village at Dusk,” which is always listed as the favorite among Pratt’s students at the end of the semester.

“I just miss him so much that I’m just glad I’ll be able to teach other young people about his

good works,” Pratt said.

Hofmann, Canton’s first poet laureate, said she once was wrangling with the last line of a poem she had written. She emailed the poem to Leff, asking him for advice on what to do. Less than an hour later, Leff sent it back to Hofmann with the line, “Perfect poem now.”

Hofmann worried about what Leff had done with her poem.

“I read through the poem and realized, in the last line, he had moved a comma,” she said. “I really loved it. I was overjoyed.”

McQuilken, a former Connecticut poet laureate who published Leff’s first two books, noted how many people were in attendance.

“David had so much love and it was so visible in so many areas; I loved working with him,” he said. “I feel him standing by me here.”

Gibson, Connecticut’s current poet laureate, said she wanted the global climate crisis to serve as the theme of her laureateship and she was looking for a partner. Someone suggested Leff.

That ultimately began a “beautiful friendship,” she said. “David stands out in my memory as

Workforce

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Connecticut retain more of its most experienced workers.

The agreements, which the legislature ratified in late April, include general wage increases of 2.5% for at least three years — and possibly four, depending on whether both sides reopen wage negotiations. They also include annual step raises for all but the most senior workers, one-time bonuses totaling \$3,500 per full-time worker and prorated bonuses for part-timers.

Minority Republicans in the legislature criticized Lamont and his fellow Democrats over the compensation and the bonuses in particular. The GOP noted that full-time workers were allowed to accept a \$2,500 bonus in May and still retire before July 1.

The second bonus, a \$1,000 payment for full-timers, is set to be paid in mid-July.

The legislature also built a

new safeguard into the new state budget that begins July 1 to ensure hiring remains a priority for the Executive Branch.

The legislature routinely orders the governor to find millions of dollars in savings once the fiscal year is underway, and that task often is accomplished — at least in part — by freezing many state jobs as they become vacant.

The new budget sets a savings target of \$140 million for the fiscal year. But it also prohibits the administration from reducing any departmental budgets as long as the state is in the black.

Lawmakers also built a nearly \$300 million cushion into the \$24.2 billion budget that they approved earlier this spring for the 2022-23 fiscal year, increasing the odds that more vacant jobs can be filled.

Keith M. Phaneuf is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (ctmirror.org). Copyright 2022 © The Connecticut Mirror.

someone who is always at my side. ... David was always behind me, pushing me up.”

Through it all, Leff ultimately became something he probably couldn’t bring himself to say: “a townie.” Joshua Leff said.

“He was always seen about town on the trail, at the library, at so many establishments in Collinsville. This place meant everything to my father.”

“My dad was a rare breed,” Leff’s daughter, Tiki Leff Diliberto, added. “A breed of impeccable design, never judgmental of my independent spirit, and friend to all who crossed his path. ... My dad was an incredible man of incredible design.”

What was revealed most through Leff’s love of words, nature and volunteering was his even more profound love of people and community.

“He would have loved this,” his wife, Mary Fletcher, said. “He would have loved to have been with you here today. I believe he is here hovering over us now, smiling before he travels on. He was a deep traveler who is departing on his last journey.”

CONNECTICUT

DEEP increases pay in effort to staff beaches

Starting salaries upped to \$19 an hour amid lifeguard shortages

Staff report

As Connecticut faces a state-wide shortage of lifeguards, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection announced a pay increase for lifeguards on Thursday. Starting salaries were increased to \$19 an hour, up from \$16, and range up to \$21 per hour. “Lifeguards provide an incredibly important service to those who visit state parks,” DEEP commissioner Katie Dykes said. “DEEP has worked hard to provide a

salary that is more reflective of the service lifeguards provide to our state.” In addition to the increased starting salary, DEEP said it will provide all training, and training time is paid. DEEP will be holding a swim test for applicants on June 11 and 12. Lifeguards must be strong swimmers. DEEP is looking to fill positions at the following inland and shoreline swimming areas: ■ Black Rock State Park, Watertown. ■ Burr Pond State Park, Torrington. ■ Indian Well State Park, Shelton. ■ Sherwood Island State Park, Westport. ■ Silver Sands State Park, Milford. ■ Squantz Pond State Park, New Fairfield

The basic duties of the job include cautioning swimmers regarding unsafe areas, preventing accidents and providing assistance to swimmers at state park beaches. Lifeguards will also be trained to administer first aid and CPR as required. Work hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week for a total of 40 hours. Most weekends and the July 4 holiday are mandatory. Lifeguards must be at least 16 years old, and supervisors must be at least 18. The final deadline to apply is June 17. To apply, go to portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Seasonal-Employment/Lifeguard-Program. For more information, contact Sarah Battistini at sarah.battistini@ct.gov or call 860-418-5958.



Lifeguards at state parks can expect a raise this summer, starting at \$19 an hour, up from \$16, and ranging up to \$21. COURANT FILE



Carrying the torch at the start of the New Britain leg Thursday afternoon is police Chief Chris Chute. The torch was handed off by a contingent from the Berlin Police Department. STEPHEN DUNN PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Flame of Hope in New Britain

New Britain police officers carried the “Flame of Hope” through the city Thursday, one leg of many in the 36th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut. Law enforcement officers across Connecticut carry the torch through their towns, passing it off to officers at each town line. More than 1,500 officers are expected to participate, representing municipal departments, correction facilities, military police and Federal employees, Connecticut State Police and college and university public safety officers, according to a release from the Special Olympics. The New Britain police contingent consisted of 16 officers and 30 recruits and was joined by Special Olympics athlete Christine Amaro, 25, of Berlin. The torch run began Wednesday and continues through Friday, culminating in the lighting of the torch at the Summer Games’ opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The games are this weekend, with soccer, swimming, tennis and cycling events in Fairfield and Cheshire. A track and field competition will be held June 11 and 12 at Southern Connecticut State University. To watch the opening ceremony and for more information, go to facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsCT.

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Christine Amaro, 25, of Berlin, a Special Olympics athlete, applauds the Berlin group of police torch runners with Amy Musante, of Southington.

Toronto flights back at Bradley

Air Canada resumes nonstop service after pandemic disruption

Staff report

Air Canada restored its nonstop service between Bradley International Airport and Toronto Pearson International Airport on Wednesday, according to the Connecticut Airport Authority. “We are thrilled to welcome back Air Canada to Bradley International Airport,” Kevin A. Dillon, executive director of the CAA, said in a statement. “Air Canada’s long-standing partnership with our airport has been and continues to be key to our route network. The airline not only facilitates seamless connectivity between our regions, but it also offers a convenient gateway to the rest of the world via its Toronto-Pearson hub. As we celebrate Air Canada’s return, we look forward to once again offering our passengers an easy way to access Canada and beyond.” The airline returned to Bradley International Airport after a two-year absence due to the international travel disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the CAA. The last Air Canada flights operated at the airport in the spring of 2020. “Connecticut is an extremely popular destination, appealing to Canadians and global customers alike who enjoy the leisure activities, recreation, arts and culture, tourism and hospitality the state is renowned for,” said Lisa Pierce, vice president, Canada & USA Sales for Air Canada, also in the statement. “With customer interest in travel resuming post pandemic, we are thrilled to launch our services connecting Bradley International Airport to our Toronto hub. In addition to enabling Canadians and global visitors to come visit Connecticut, our flights also make it especially convenient for area residents to visit and enjoy everything Canada has to offer, or to connect internationally beyond.” The service will utilize a 50-seat CRJ200 aircraft. It will operate daily and year-round.

Manchester’s Art in the Park will feature work from over 130 artists

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Art in the Park, the 47th annual arts extravaganza in Center Memorial Park in Manchester, is back after a two-year pandemic hiatus, with more than 130 artists participating. It will take place Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free. Artists will show and sell their original paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, digital artworks, pottery, metalworks, fiber artworks and other pieces. Musical acts will perform from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the park’s stage, including Manchester Town Troubadour Bill Ludwig, Bonnie Jacobson & Joe Gilbert Acoustic Duo, The Donaldson DREW Duo, Heather McLarney, NINE NORTH, The Guinea Pigs, The WHISH Band and Tenaya Taylor. The Manchester Lions Club will sponsor a rubber duck race to benefit local charities. People can sponsor a duck to win a prize. There will be arts and crafts for

kids as well as a caricature artist, a henna tattooist and three vendors offering face painting. COVID-19 vaccinations — first and second doses and boosters — will be offered by the state Department of Public Health. Among the participants are Aaron Smith, Agonist Gallery, Alicia Anderson Pottery, All Things for All Occasions, Aloha Ink, Amanda Perkins, Ande’Ja Johnson, Anderson Dog Portraits, Andrea Ruzzo, Apple Falls Prints, Awry Design, Bivenne Staiger, Black Orchid Skincase, Blue Heart Glass, Botanical Prints, CANDLE Collaborative, Candlelight Rose II, Cara Stimmel, Cariglia-ART, Carlene Buchanan, Cecilia Jayawickrema Ceramics, Center Street Soap Co., Ceramic Shenanigans, cinder + salt, CL Creative Designs, Claudia Cormier, Cliffside Crafts, Cottage Potter, Crafted to a T, Crafteriffic Art, Crafty-Tastic, Crunchy Diva Designs, Curly Fantasy, Danielle Julius, DD9 Pillows, Deepika Indukuri, Designs by Jackii, Designs by Ravetto, Doris Ross, Doug Hock-

man Photography, Dumais Fine Arts, Elainethesun, Elle Smith Fagan, Emily Cyr, Empress Bohemia, ERJURSELF, Evelyn’s Place, Foxglove Soap Company, Garrison Fjord Art, Garden Plate Flowers, Glorious Hair Combs, Hartford Artisans Weaving Center, Heart Art Crafts, High Living, Home Prep Products, Huck & Co. Intention Jewery, Infinite Dot Arts, Isankofa Natural Skincare, Jan Cribben, jill free arts, Joan Pollak Animal Art, Joy of life art creation, K&T Jewelry & Accessories, JW Crafts, Kate Marie Sulick, Khonda Creations and African Art, Kids Arts & Crafts Club of Manchester, KOUROS Designs in Vintage Jewlry, Kristy Joyce, Lady B’s Colorful Wood, laurence nelson, Laurie Lemek, Leana Thompson, Lisa Maree Designs, Magpie’s Miscellany, MAK Raven Jewelry, Manchester Art Association, Manchester Adult & Continued Education, Manchester Women’s Club, Mateo Velasquez Lopez, Mayflower Designs by Nancy Pooler, Meg Lenzzo, Melissa Rogers Art, Metaphys-



Art in the Park, the annual arts show and sale in Center Park in Manchester, is back Sunday after a two-year pandemic hiatus. COURTESY

ical Gems, Meredith Arcari Luciano, Michael Toti, mijumi-ART, Mill Court Ceramics, Milly Bean Designs, mixcandy, Modern Twist Macrame, Monica Hewryk Ceramics, Monumental Candles, MSD Design, Naomi Nevo Ben Ari Art Studio, Naturallyinthetwoods, Neil LeFebvre, Nigel Wynter Art, Normand Photography, On the Wing Bird Photography, One of a Find CT, paintingsbyduffy, Papineau Studio, Pink Zebra, Promethea Potters, Purple Dragon Artwork, Raising Wallz Pottery, Rare’s Creations, Red Tail Art, Relax & Resin, Robert Cooper Photogra-

phy, Rose Candles and Gifts, Rural Heritage Arts, Sarah Link Art and more. The event, part of “Celebrate Manchester” week, benefits Artists in Real Time, a nonprofit that offers opportunities to local artists. The park wraps around the Mary Cheney Library at 586 Main St. For details and to see work by and websites of the artists, visit openstudiohartford.com/art-in-the-park, or facebook.com/aitpmanchester.

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‘WATCHER’ ★★★

Okuno crafts jewel of a throwback thriller

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

In Chloe Okuno’s stylish debut “Watcher,” the title refers not just to one person, but two, when the watched becomes the watcher, the stalker and stalked swapping places throughout the course of this chilly psychological thriller. Working in the vein of ’70s-style horror, Okuno’s “Watcher” is in dialogue with films like Roman Polanski’s “Repulsion” and “Rosemary’s Baby,” nods to Andrzej Zulawski’s “Possession” with its foreboding European setting, and features a Hitchcock blonde in Julia (Maika Monroe). But those films about vulnerable women caught in voyeuristic traps were all directed by men, and with Okuno, a female writer/director, telling the story, it’s a very different result, one that’s emotionally and ethically complex, but undeniable in its bold clarity.

Newlyweds Julia and Francis (Karl Glusman) arrive in Bucharest, Romania, ready to start a new chapter in a new city. Francis, who is half-Romanian, has a high-powered advertising job, but Julia, an erstwhile actor, doesn’t have much to do. She wanders the city, practicing her halting Romanian in coffee shops and attempting to sightsee alone. As a serial killer known as “the Spider” slays the women of Bucharest, Julia realizes she’s under surveillance, and not just from the taxi drivers who call her “beautiful.” Through the picture windows in their apartment, she notices someone (Burn Gorman) across the street, watching her, and suddenly he seems to be everywhere.



Maika Monroe as Julia in “Watcher.” UNIVERSAL

The brilliant thing about Julia in “Watcher” is she does everything right, and yet, it’s maddening, because it doesn’t protect her. She tells her husband as soon as she feels uncomfortable about this man watching her, and reports the strange incidents when he follows her to shopkeepers and the police. But her actions, to the men around her, seem strange and sketchy. Francis just barely

refrains from calling her crazy, though refers to her experiences as “a fantasy,” and capably rationalizes this stranger’s behavior. All Julia has the ability to do herself is simply watch him back.

Okuno’s script, which is based on a screenplay by Zack Ford, is pointed, deliberately so, and there’s no mistaking what she’s trying to say about women’s intuition, the reluctance of men

to believe them, and the systems of power that fail to protect the vulnerable.

“Watcher” is a slow burn, but like its leading lady, it’s restrained and elegant. Monroe’s performance is less than operatic, but the strain of containing her fear and maintaining her composure is palpable. Combined with the intelligent use of point-of-view shots, there is a visceral sense of the genuine, and

specifically feminine, fear that Julia feels. But the greatest trick that Okuno pulls off in “Watcher” is leading the audience to question our own intuition, and interpretation of events, of what we’ve seen and heard. It throws the viewer off balance just enough so that the finale is truly shocking, but rendered with the utmost control and refinement of style and emotion.

This beautifully crafted jewel of a throwback thriller signifies Okuno as a talent to watch, but furthermore, it probes the viewer to question what, and who, we choose to believe and why.

MPAA rating: R (for some bloody violence, language, and some sexual material/nudity)
Running time: 1:35
How to watch: In theaters

CELEBRITIES

Chrissy Metz writes children’s book

From news services

“This is Us” star Chrissy Metz is teaming with partner Bradley Collins on a children’s book about parenting and religious faith.

Flamingo Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers, announced Thursday that “When I Talk to God, I Talk About You” will be published Feb. 14. According to Flamingo, the book is written in “simple, rhyming verse,” with illustrations by Lisa Fields.

“‘When I Talk to God, I Talk About You’ is a journey through the dream of raising a child and watching them grow right before your eyes all while supporting their unique path with love and guidance through a tender introduction to prayer,” Metz and Collins said in a statement.

Metz is also the author of the bestselling memoir “This is Me.” She has been seeing Collins, a Nashville-based songwriter and creative community advocate, since 2020.

Tarantino, Avary plot a film podcast: Long before Quentin Tarantino and Roger Avary won an Oscar for co-writing “Pulp Fiction,” they were just a couple of cinephiles working at a video rental store in Manhattan Beach, California, discussing and recommending movies and becoming the filmmakers they were meant to be.

Now almost 40 years after meeting at Video Archives in 1983, Tarantino and Avary are revisiting that pivotal moment and the films that made them with the Video Archives Podcast, a new venture from SiriusXM’s Stitcher premiering this summer. The company said Thursday that on each episode Tarantino and Avary will rewatch and discuss movies culled from the



Chrissy Metz, seen May 22, teamed with Bradley Collins on “When I Talk to God, I Talk About You.” JON KOPALOFF/GETTY

original Video Archives library.

“We never imagined that 30 years after we worked together behind the counter at Video Archives, we would be together again doing the exact same thing we did back then: talking passionately about movies on VHS,” Tarantino and Avary said in a joint statement.

When Video Archives went out of business, Tarantino bought its inventory and essentially re-created the store in his home. He once estimated that it was close to 8,000 video tapes and DVDs.

The Video Archives Podcast will be available this summer on Stitcher, the SXM App, Pandora and other podcast platforms.

Halsey can release single: Capitol Music announced its “support” for Halsey on social media Tuesday, after the singer posted on TikTok last week that the

label was preventing the release of Halsey’s new single, “So Good.”

“Halsey, we love you and are here to support you,” tweeted the label, noting it was “committing” to dropping the song Thursday.

It wasn’t long before Halsey, 27, responded via Twitter on Tuesday.

“I didn’t expect so much conversation about this record, all I know is that I wanted you guys to hear it and now you can,” the singer wrote. “So Good, song on June 9th and video the next day.”

June 3 birthdays: Actor Irma P. Hall is 87. Singer Eddie Holman is 76. Actor Penelope Wilton is 76. Singer Deniece Williams is 71. Actor Scott Valentine is 64. Singer Mike Gordon is 57. Journalist Anderson Cooper is 55. Singer Lyfe Jennings is 44. Actor Nikki M. James is 41. Actor Josh Segarra is 36. Actor Anne Winters is 28.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Man who groped friend should be reported

Dear Amy: My best friend recently attended her professional association’s top producers’ banquet.

“Brian,” a very successful man from another firm, groped her bottom two times at the event.

No one else saw. She let the first incident pass because they were in a group setting, and she didn’t know how to respond. Then he grabbed her again. She stormed away and avoided him for the rest of the event.

The next day she told an associate who confronted Brian. On the phone, Brian told the associate that my friend was flirting with him.

The next day she received a text from Brian: “Call me so I can apologize about yesterday.” She felt humiliated by chasing him down for an apology, so she never called. Three weeks have now passed, but the humiliation is still festering in her mind.

I told her it wasn’t too late to ask for an apology in a three-way call with her associate and Brian, where he would have to fess up to his actions. I also told her to report Brian to the association and ask for him to be barred from next year’s event.

These people are all real estate agents.

She’s obviously hesitant to inconvenience people and make the wrong type of name for herself.

— *Outraged Bestie*

Dear Outraged: I disagree with your idea that this should be handled casually on a three-way call.

I’d advise her to write an account of exactly what happened and send it directly to the association’s

head office, naming “Brian,” reporting that he has admitted this behavior to another associate and asking that appropriate actions be taken.

Real estate agents meet clients alone in empty houses. A person who would grope an associate during a crowded industry event should not be trusted to meet with clients.

If your friend reported this and demanded action, the “name she would make for herself” would be of someone who is appropriately concerned about her safety.

Dear Amy: Is it ever OK to require a preschool child to finish everything on their plate, when the portions were selected by someone else?

I don’t want to give too many details, as this is a sensitive family issue.

I’ve brought it to the attention of the perpetrators and things seemed better for a while.

But now it has reverted to, “There’s one more bite here on your plate, and then you can have ____.”

It concerns me that this controlling behavior has continued, because I’m afraid the child will develop eating disorders, weight problems, bad associations with mealtime or even behavioral problems.

Do you have any suggestions?

— *Stomach in Knots*

Dear Knots: If the child’s parents are the “perpetrators” pushing food, then my main suggestion is that you should understand that they are the child’s parents and they have the right to handle mealtimes the way they think is best.

If you are the child’s parent and the grandparents or other occasional caregivers are doing this, then you have the right to insist that they stop.

I agree that this way of treating mealtime takes away a child’s agency; the parental hovering can also be hard for others to witness. However, no, I do not believe this kind of prompting will lead to an eating disorder or a bad relationship to food.

I also believe that most parents stop this behavior once a child enters preschool and finds effective ways to push back.

While you are accusing these parents of controlling behavior, you are trying mightily to control them. I hope that once you see the irony here, you will back off.

Dear Amy: Like you, we were appalled by the question from “Perplexed Partner!” regarding giving Hitler memorabilia as a gift.

There is a scenario however, beside education, that would justify the purchase. We know a collector of Hitler memorabilia. He’s Jewish, and his collection is driven by the premise that “Hitler should plotz (drop dead) knowing that his stuff is in a Jewish home.”

Not our thing, but we understand his attitude.

— *Barb*

Dear Barb: “Hitler should plotz” is a notion I can get behind.

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Rapper isn't controversial for controversy's sake

Tokischa says she's just expressing what she has lived, seen

By **Kate Linthicum**
Los Angeles Times

Dominican rapper Tokischa's raps — set to trap, dembow and reggaeton beats — are wildly explicit celebrations of sexual freedom, drugs and party culture. Odes, as she says in one song, to “divine filth.” Her open-book sexuality — she is proudly bisexual, has spoken about her years as a sex worker and recently dressed as a vagina at a major awards show — has made her a queer and feminist icon in the male-dominated world of urbano music. That coupled with her rapid-fire flow, has earned her collaborations with stars including J Balvin and Rosalia.

Tokischa, 26, has, predictably, clashed with conservatives in the Dominican Republic, who have alternatively sought to censor her music videos, jail her for posing in lingerie in front of a religious altar and ban her from performing during the height of the pandemic because of her habit of making out with female fans. But she has also contended with criticism from progressives who have accused her of perpetuating misogynist and even racist stereotypes.

Like the long lineage of female pop provocateurs before her, from Madonna to Lil' Kim to Cardi B, Tokischa understands that scandal is in no way incompatible with record sales. “The more they try to ban me, the more people want me,” she says.

She also grasps the double standard at play, one in which a male Dominican rapper like El Alfa can rap about sex as crudely as Tokischa does “and nobody says anything about it.”

But what Tokischa would really like people to know is that she isn't controversial for contro-



Tokischa, seen April 30 in Las Vegas, has become a queer and feminist icon in urbano music. **BRIDGET BENNETT/GETTY-AFP**

versy's sake. Her work, she says, is inspired by her own experiences and those of the people around her.

“They say I promote all this bad stuff,” Tokischa said. “But I express what I've lived through, what I've seen.”

Take the song “Desacato Escolar,” in which she describes students fighting, smoking weed and having sex at school. “The government got mad at me because I talk about how bad education is in my country,” she said. “They're like, ‘You're promoting bad habits.’ But that's what I used to do in school. That's what everybody does there.”

Born Tokischa Altagracia Peralta, she spent her childhood shuffling between the homes of various relatives in Santo Domingo Este. Her father was in jail, and her mother left when she was 3 years old to work in the U.S.

as a home health nurse.

From a young age, Tokischa rebelled against the island's conservative values, cutting school, talking back to teachers and sneaking listens to dembow, which peppers accelerated Jamaican dancehall riddims with slang-heavy, explicit lyrics.

She quickly ascertained that it meant something different to be engaged in such activities as a girl. Her male cousins were given free reign to roam the neighborhood, while she had to sneak out of the house. When her brother discovered her kissing a female friend, he beat her, but when he later got his young girlfriend pregnant, “nobody got mad.”

After high school, where she sought outlets to explore her interest in theater and dance, she entered a dark period that

she refers to now as the “underworld.” She worked at a FedEx call center and often showed up high on cocaine or ecstasy. Eventually, around age 19, she turned to sex work, entering “sugar daddy” relationships with a string of older, drug-addicted men.

Evidence of that phase covers her body. She has the letters LSD inked on her left wrist, a marijuana leaf on her butt cheek and the word “coke” on the inside of her right thigh. Her tattoos contrast with her innocent-looking face — big cheeks, wide eyes, huge smile — and earned her modeling gigs.

A 2016 session with photographer and director Raymi Paulus provided a path out of the underworld. Paulus, who had also found refuge in creativity during his own tumultuous upbringing in a poor neighborhood, had been

looking for a musical artist to represent as a manager. He took Tokischa into the studio and produced videos for her that mixed her twerking with his hippie-stoner aesthetics. By 2018, Tokischa was moving off hard drugs, and they had released their first hit.

A string of songs including last year's “Yo No Me Voy Acostar,” in which she raps in her signature coy voice about being high on molly and enjoying the affections of “a little girlfriend who kisses me,” drew the attention of major artists like Bad Bunny, who declared himself a fan.

The international spotlight has been a lot for Tokischa, who had never left the Dominican Republic before last year and who survived the pandemic with income from Only Fans.

When Rosalia reached out and asked her to add

a verse to “La Combi Versace,” a song about high fashion for her new album “Motomami,” Tokischa had to go shopping.

“I had never even seen Versace, so how could I write about it?” she said. But her sudden thrust into the highest echelons of pop music hasn't been without stumbles.

The Paulus-directed video for “Perra,” Tokischa's 2021 collaboration with J Balvin, was taken down amid widespread anger over its representations of Afro-Caribbean women, in particular a scene in which Balvin, a white Colombian, uses a leash to walk two women wearing prosthetics designed to make them look like animals. Some feminists also criticized Tokischa's rap in the song, in which she compares herself to a dog in heat.

Earlier this year, Tokischa quickly deleted an Instagram post in which she defended Rochy RD, a rapper she has collaborated with who has been charged with paying to have sex with a minor. Tokischa had written that underage girls and boys have always been “hustling for their money.”

Tokischa offered a sort of half-apology after the “Perra” video, telling Rolling Stone: “I'm truly sorry that people felt offended. But at the same time, art is expression.”

She says blowback from the incidents doesn't bother her and that she doesn't really care about what anybody thinks about her, “as long as I'm cool with God.”

She knows God might not be pleased with all of her choices, but hopes that he or she would at least understand them. “I live off my sexuality right now at this point,” she said. “I know God doesn't like it, but he knows I need to hustle and survive.”

One thing is clear: There are many others who love exactly what Tokischa is doing.

‘Pistol’ tries to capture chaos of Sex Pistols from quick rise to fall

By **Kate Feldman**
New York Daily News

Anson Boon got so into playing Johnny Rotten that he hurt himself rocking too hard.

“If you look at frontmen, they hold the microphone and they stand still. It's beautiful. It's great. But Johnny Rotten never stood still. He never retreated from the audience,” said the British actor, who plays the Sex Pistols' foul-mouthed, foul-teethed lead singer in FX's miniseries “Pistol.”

“This band, in a way, they were part of the audience. They were part of the people. They weren't these removed superstars. That was fresh. They shook things up, and they had a unique approach to what they were singing about. These were working-class boys, and they were singing about their surroundings, and they weren't filtering it, and they weren't watering it down or making it nicey-nicey.

“They shocked a lot of people, but they shook things up,” Boon said.

Created by Craig Pearce and directed by Danny Boyle, “Pistol,” which recently premiered on Hulu, attempts to capture the chaos that was the Sex Pistols.

Based on guitarist Steve Jones' 2017 memoir, “Lonely Boy: Tales from a Sex Pistol,” the six-episode series plays the hits, the skyrocket ride to fame and their almost as quick downfall, fueled by drugs and death.

The show, much like the band, is loud and angry. They spit and crack bottles over people's heads, and Boyle's camera, reminiscent of his early work on the 1996 British black comedy-drama film “Trainspotting,” shudders and glides around passed-out druggies and hopped-up fangirls.



Anson Boon as John Lydon, from left, Louis Partridge as Sid Vicious, Toby Wallace as Steve Jones and Jacob Slater as Paul Cook in “Pistol.” **REBECCA BRENNEMAN/FX NETWORKS**

The Sex Pistols — made up of vocalist John Lydon (Boon), known by his stage name of Johnny Rotten; guitarist Steve Jones (Toby Wallace); drummer Paul Cook (Jacob Slater); and bassist Glen Matlock (Christian Lees) before being replaced by Sid Vicious (Louis Partridge) — weren't supposed to be anything. So they became the centerpiece of a culture shift.

London in the mid-1970s was defined by the Sex Pistols, and the Sex Pistols were defined by London in the mid-1970s, melding into a punk culture that shifted the fabric of society into one where it was OK to be a little bad. The band took it too far — Vicious was arrested in New York City in 1978 for the murder of girlfriend Nancy Spungen, and died of a heroin overdose the day after being released on bail from Rikers Island — but that was what they set out to do.

In “Pistol,” the bandmates are not rebels for show and the attention, but because they were lashing out at the world.

“We're so used to seeing them as demigod figures, but they were just young kids at the time,” said Slater, who plays Cook.

“Life isn't always easy when you're a kid. You've got these insecurities, these normal things that are amplified massively when you're in the Sex Pistols, and suddenly you're on the world stage. It was kind of balancing their notoriety and everything we already know about them with their vulnerabilities as people.”

The Sex Pistols' vulnerabilities came out in anger. Anger at a world that hadn't picked them up and spat them back out again, but one that hadn't even picked them up because they were too poor or too dirty or too depraved.

“Society deemed them as having no future and nothing to add. And they proved them wrong. They changed the way people thought of that whole generation,” said Pearce.

“It doesn't really matter how you say it or if you have the resources to say it, but if you have something to say, you have the right to say it. Be brave in finding the way to say it. Sure, the playing wasn't virtuosic, especially in the beginning, but they learned on the job because that was the only way they could. They had something to say, and they passionately wanted to say it.”

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19):

Money matters might have been complicated recently, but that comes to an end today. Start thinking about new investments, because they are sure to start appearing. As long as you don't throw caution to the wind, you can explore unfamiliar options.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Trying to get your point across is about to become much easier. If you've been percolating any new ideas, this is the perfect time to unveil them. Don't let past mistakes hold you back. You're finally properly equipped to fully share with everyone what you're all about.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Life takes on a new sense of clarity today. This is also a great time to work through any outstanding feelings of loss or emotional baggage from your past, especially if you've been putting them off for a while. Healing has to begin sometime — sooner rather than later.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Your social interactions may get much easier all at once — hallelujah! Allow yourself to build new bridges across any social ravines, potentially by calling up some friends for a fun get-together. You might even want to host them all at your place for a night of fun and games.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

You'll be glad to hear that achieving your goals should become easier today, helping you decipher which way the wind is blowing. Your mind can leap ahead in ways that can impress coworkers, clients and bosses alike, so don't be scared to speak your mind. There's a place ahead just waiting for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

The world is about to open up to you, giving you the chance to fly high, so don't be shocked if it seems like limitations start to evaporate. Take your time in plotting out your next steps. That said, don't let fear stop you from enjoying the new adventures at your fingertips.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Deep connections are about to become a source of progress, rather than one of stress. If you've been holding off on delving into deeper issues, consider this your green light to sit down and deal with them. Whether or not you feel ready, the time for waiting has come to an end.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

You and a partner can finally get on the same page starting today. New connections are possible making it a good time to seek out fresh contacts, but you can also shore up partnerships that have been put through the wringer. Try to be the bigger person and initiate healing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

It's time to hop back on the wellness wagon. If you've felt less than perfect, now is the moment to deal with any sense of weakness and figure out how you can best overcome it, whether that's with a new workout routine, healthier diet or better sleep schedule. Your best self is waiting ahead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You can find a much-needed dose of fun today. Do something to let your creative side out without worrying about the result. Today is about enjoying the process and avoiding putting pressure on yourself to produce something meaningful. Not everything has to be serious.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Finding peace under your own roof is becoming much easier starting today. It's a great time to make new improvements to your home, perhaps by doing a bit of redecorating or remodeling. That said, you could start searching for a new place. Your dream abode could be close.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Keeping track of all the little things in your life should become much easier today. This is also a very lively sector of your chart, so take some time to get out of the house today and see what's going on in your local neighborhood. A new spot could become your favorite haunt.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 3, 1888, the poem “Casey at the Bat” by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1965, astronaut Edward

H. White became the first American to “walk” in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1977, the U.S. and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other's countries.

In 1989, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations.

In 2008, Barack Obama claimed the Democratic presidential nomination in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In 2016, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali died at a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 74.

In 2020, prosecutors charged three more police officers in the death of George Floyd.

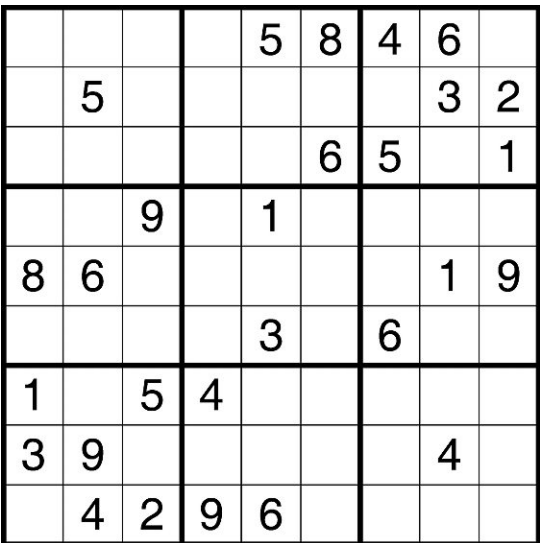
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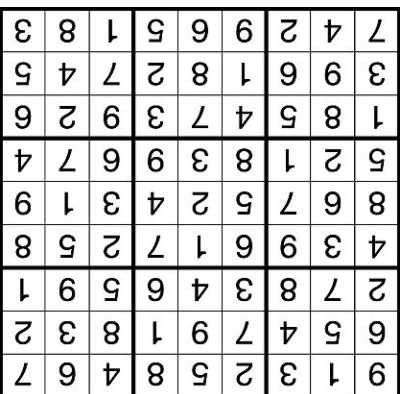
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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: GODS - GREEK & ROMAN

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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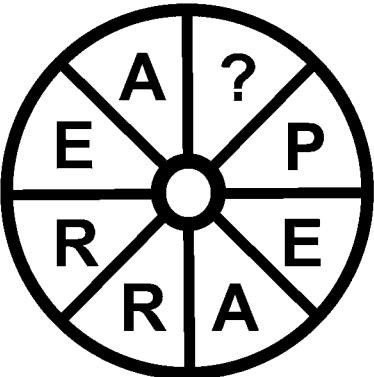
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3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 5 points
8 letters = 6 points
9 letters = 7 points
10 letters = 8 points
11 letters = 9 points
12 letters = 10 points
13 letters = 11 points
14 letters = 12 points
15 letters = 13 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST SIX FACIAL EXPRESSIONS in the grid of letters.

WordWheel

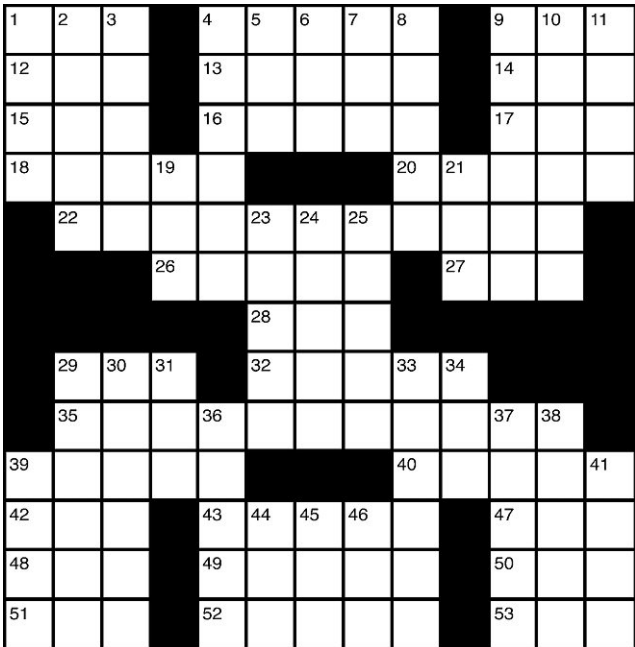


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- "The Bernie ___ Show"
- Thicke and Rickman
- Role on "Roseanne"
- Eddie's costar on "Green Acres"
- Of the kidneys
- Dined
- Natalie Cole's dad
- "___ McPhee"; Emma Thompson family film
- Role on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- "___ Buck"; John Candy movie
- Jennifer Garner drama series
- Longest-running American sitcom
- Magazine edition
- "Avengers: ___ of Ultron"; Robert Downey Jr. film
- Neighbor of Syria: abbr.
- "___ This Old House"
- Nolte and others
- Chris Harrison's reality series
- Glow
- Minstrels' harps
- Edison's monogram

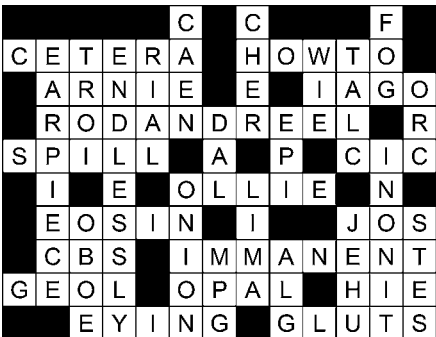
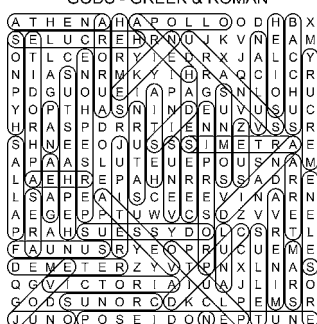


- Nagging pains
- Billy ___ Williams
- "Up ___ Night"
- Word in the name of a U.S. state
- Suffix for legal or computer
- "Mayberry ___"
- Actress Spacek
- Skelton or Barber

DOWN

- Waiter's offering
- ___-garde; art innovators
- "___ Me If You Can"; Leonardo DiCaprio film
- James of "Gunsmoke"
- ___ Michele
- Actress ___-Margret
- Fabray, to friends
- As ___ a fox
- "The ___ Game"; Jim Lange game show of old
- Relaxed
- Sparks and Beatty
- Garland
- Hawaii's Mauna ___
- ___ snit; feels resentful
- "The Sound of ___"
- Popular sport fish
- Flown ___-staff; like flags after a national tragedy
- "Agents of ___"
- Actor Berry
- ___ Grammer
- Stallone, to friends
- "Bad News ___"
- "Law & ___"
- Actress on "Touched by an Angel"
- "___ Trek: Voyager"
- "___ of Chucky"; Jennifer Tilly horror film
- Actor ___ McBride
- Singer Don and his family
- Asner and Begley

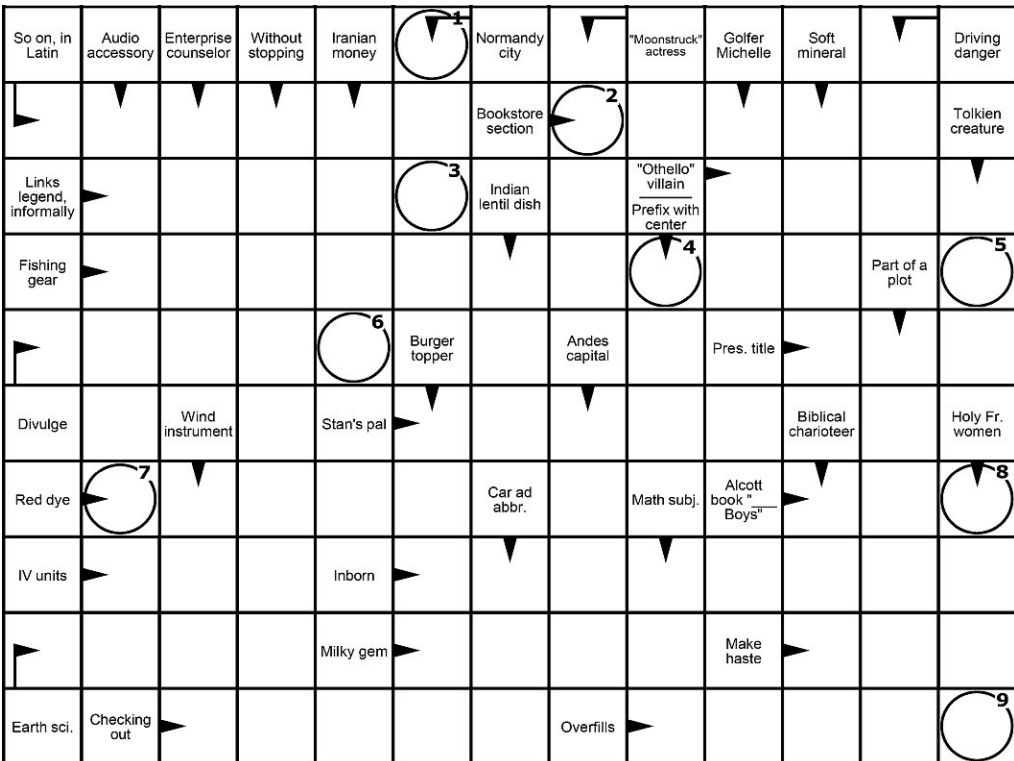
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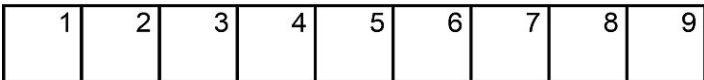
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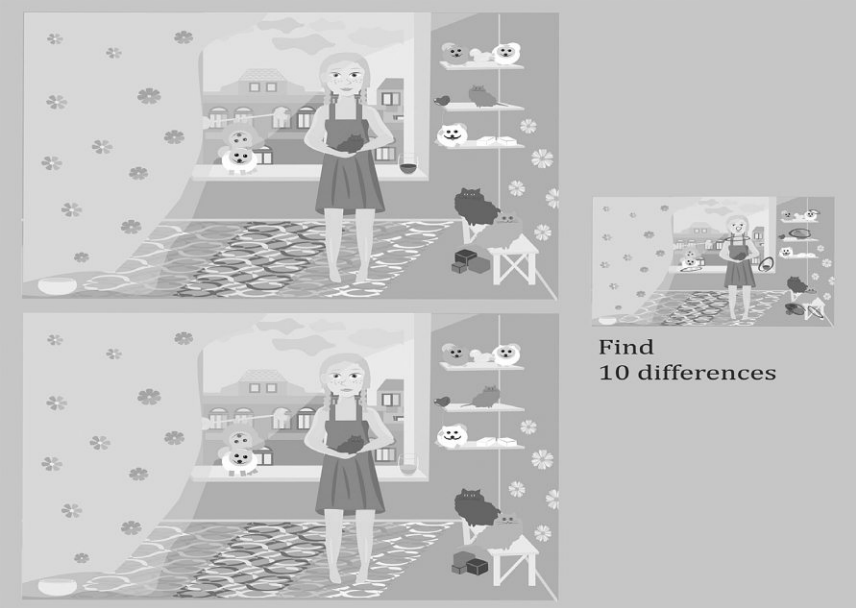
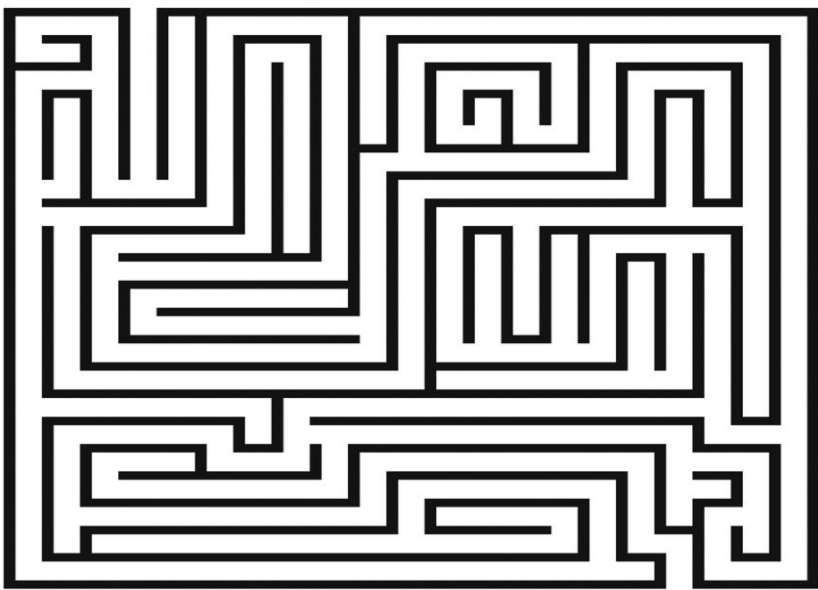


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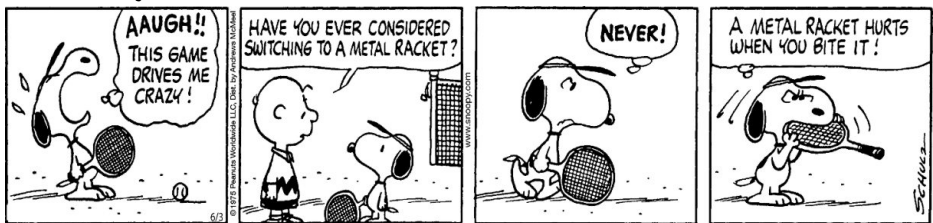
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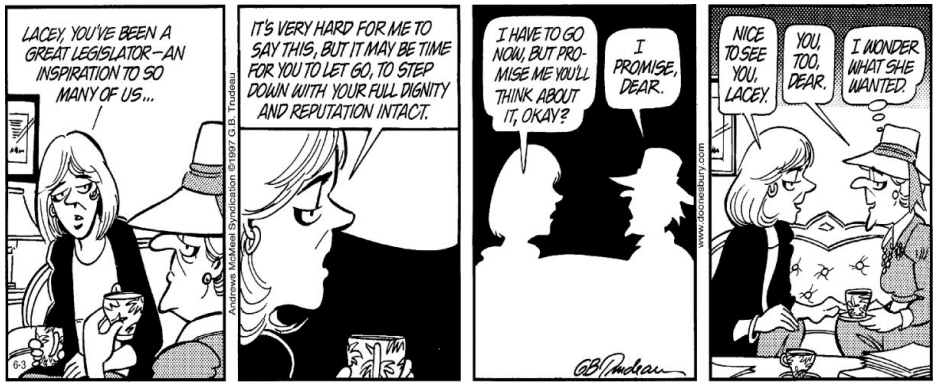
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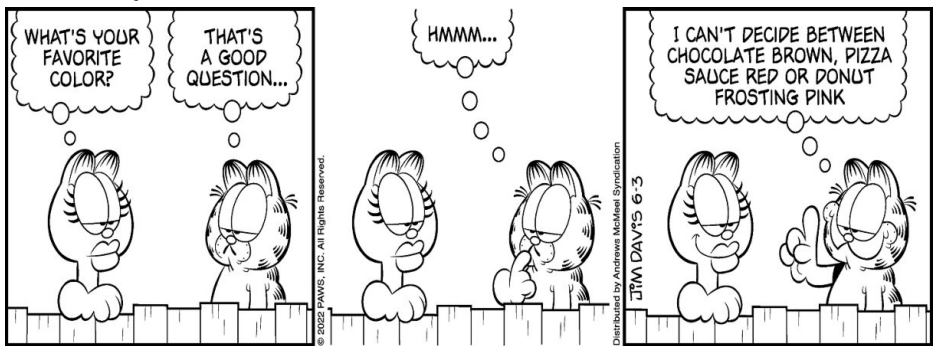
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Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



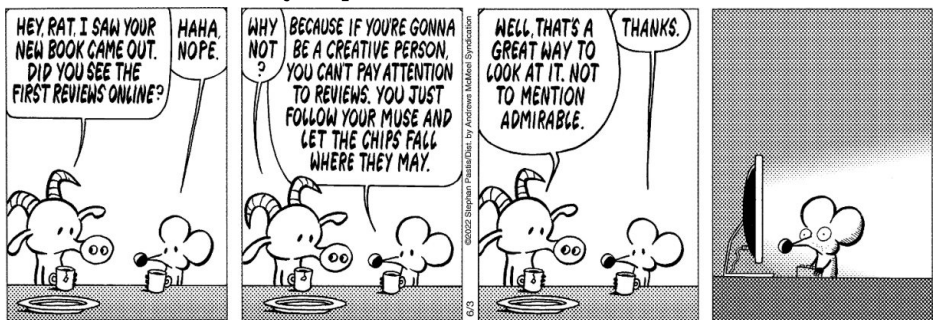
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Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



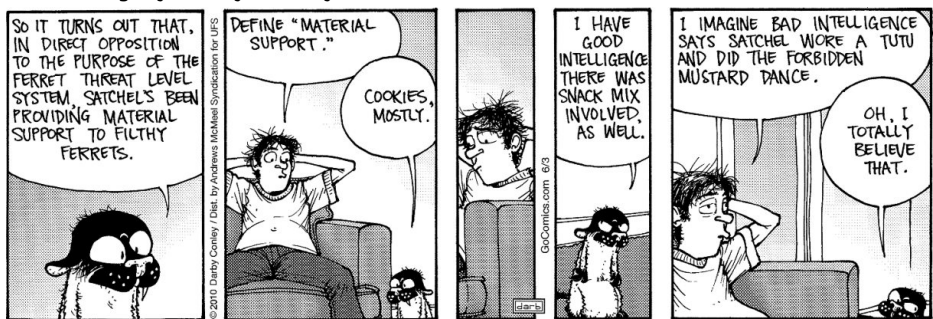
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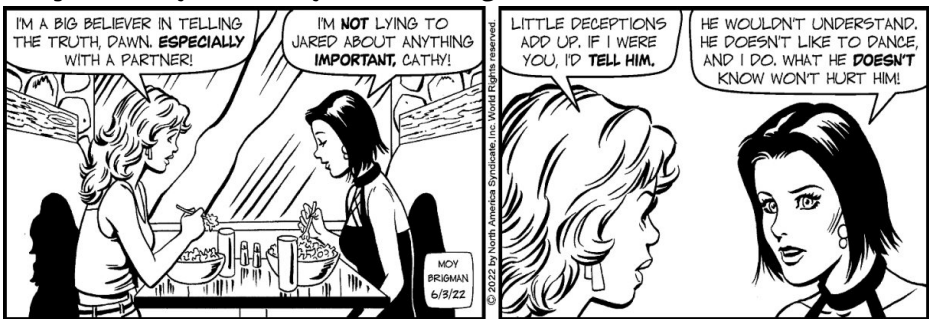
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Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin



Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



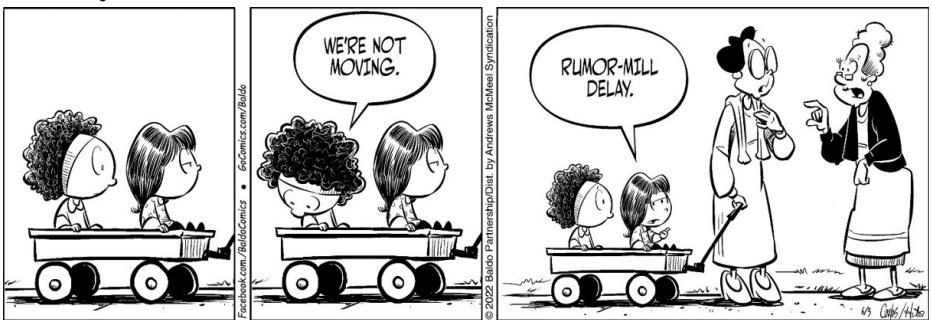
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Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos



Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk



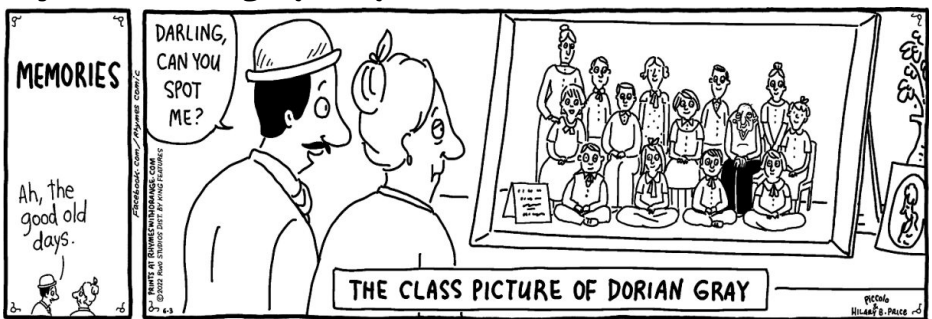
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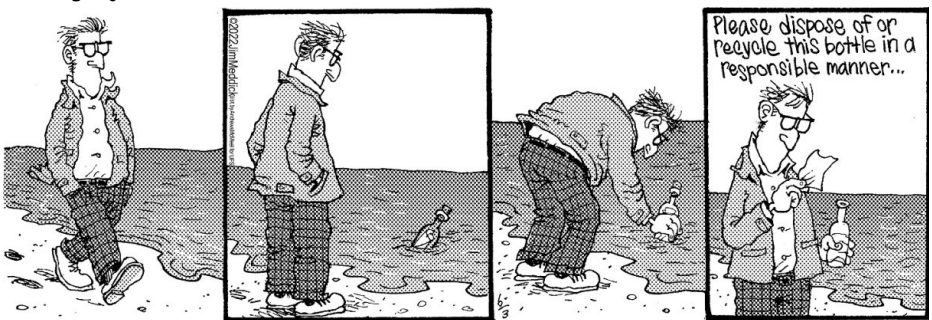
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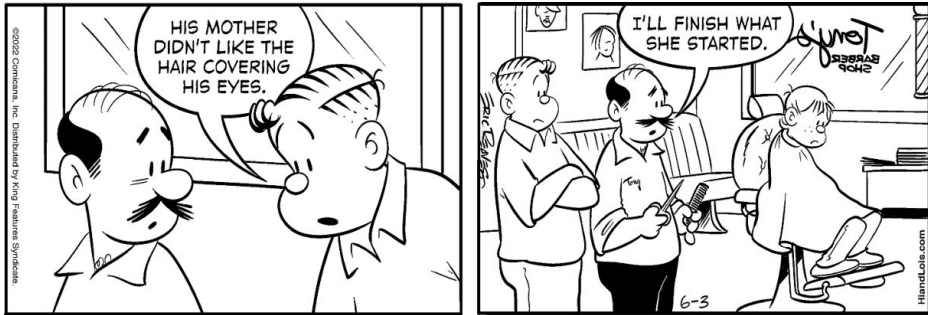
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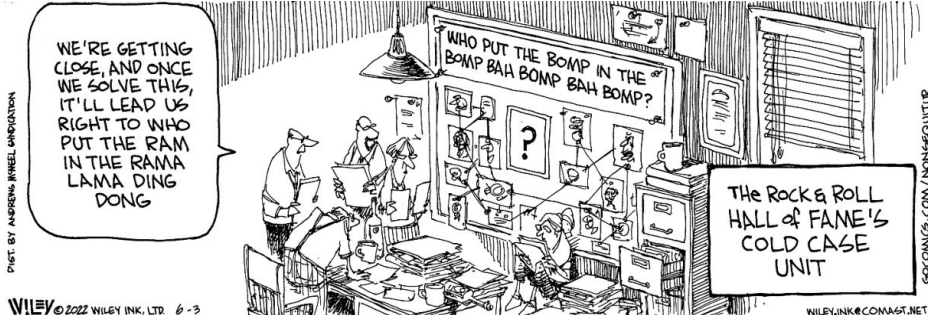
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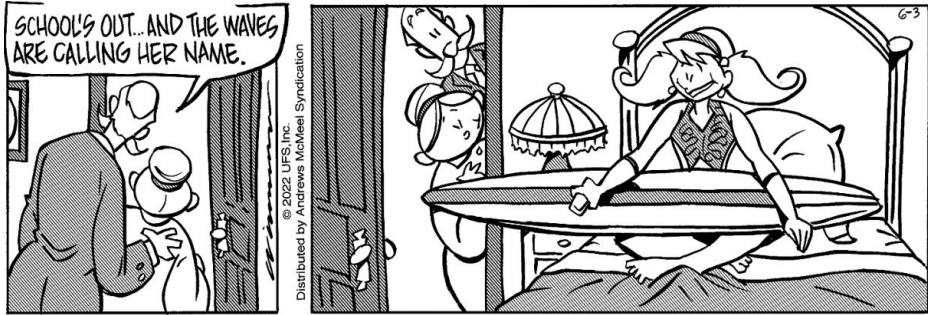
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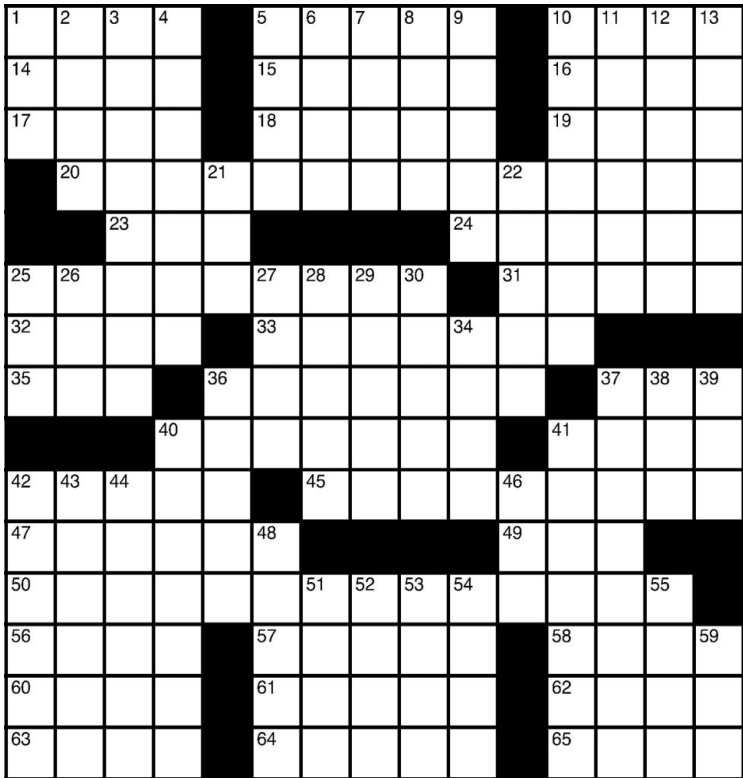
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- 23 Expert
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- 33 Picked up the tab
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- 36 Sun screen
- 37 Strive (for)
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- 41 Drains
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- 47 Statue base
- 49 Melber of MSNBC
- 50 Puts comfy shoes through rigorous testing?
- 56 Tropical spot
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- 22 "Science of Logic" philosopher
- 25 Small ammo
- 26 Director Jean—
- 27 LAX postings
- 28 Superhero once played by Stephen Amell on The CW
- 29 "___ Comes to Pemberley"; P.D. James novel
- 30 Obama daughter
- 34 Friendly honk
- 36 Rats, gnats, and brats
- 37 Element in an algebraic equation
- 38 Wall St. event
- 39 Key that exits full-screen mode
- 40 Brand of packaged bagels
- 41 Is extremely frugal
- 42 Ladybug prey
- 43 Shuts
- 44 "The Gleaners" painter Jean-François
- 46 River that rises in the Bernese Alps
- 48 Fuzzy states
- 51 Move to a warmer state?
- 52 Drama honor
- 53 Cut short
- 54 Ink
- 55 Place to hibernate
- 59 "Wide Sargasso ___"; Jean Rhys novel



By Jeffrey Wechsler

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding Quiz

- 1. You, West, are in Six Spades, and North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?
West: ♠ A Q J 10 9 8, ♥ A Q J, ♦ A Q J, ♣ 6
East: ♠ 5 2, ♥ K 10 8, ♦ 9 7 4, ♣ A J 8 4 3
- 2. You, West, are declarer at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand? (Assume the trumps are divided 3-2.)
West: ♠ A K, ♥ K Q J 5, ♦ A 9 8 6 2, ♣ A Q
East: ♠ 7, ♥ A 10 9 3, ♦ K J 10 4, ♣ 9 7 6 3

- 1. You have only two entries to dummy, so you will be able to take only two finesses. The question, therefore, is whether it is better, after taking the ace of clubs, to finesse in spades or diamonds.
It is true that South might have either king, and to that extent either finesse has a 50-50 chance of winning. But insofar as making the contract is concerned, you are much better off trying the diamond finesse.
If the diamond finesse wins, your worries are over, because your next move will be to play the ace and another trump, planning to repeat the diamond finesse later, using the heart king as your second entry.
If the diamond finesse loses at trick two, you can still get home safely if South started with the singleton or doubleton king of spades.
The decisive factor is that a trump finesse at trick two does not necessarily make the slam even if it succeeds, because

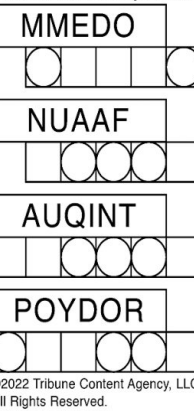
- South might have four or five trumps to the king, while the diamond finesse virtually guarantees the slam if South has the king.
- 2. Win the king of spades, draw three rounds of trump and cash the ace of spades, discarding a club from dummy. Then lead a diamond to the king, and if both opponents follow suit, the contract is assured. Continue with the jack and, if South follows low, finesse.
If the jack wins, you make at least 12 tricks, while if it loses, the slam is still certain, since North must next either return a club into your A-Q or hand you a ruff-and-discard.
If South shows out on the jack of diamonds, you are still in good shape. Simply take the jack with the ace and concede a diamond to North, forcing him to make the same losing return.

Tomorrow: The art of discovery.

JUMBLE

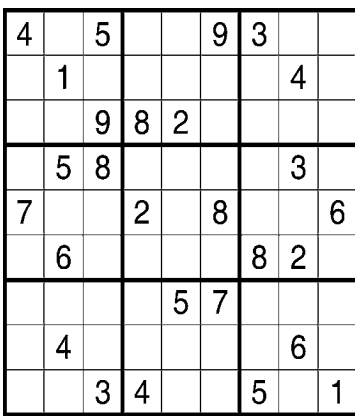
BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



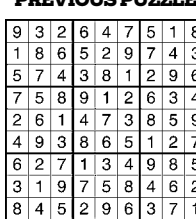
Yesterday's Jumbles: RHYME FROND GAMBIT LETTER Answer: To create the Traveling Wilburys, the individual artists needed to -- BAND TOGETHER

TODAY'S SUDOKU

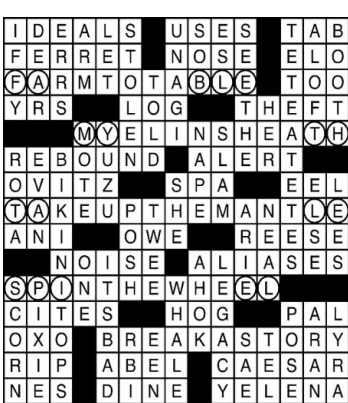


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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UConn Baseball

Peterson gets the start in NCAA Tournament opener

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Jim Penders knows what to expect when he hands Austin Peterson the ball to start a game, and during his two seasons at UConn Peterson has been most predictable in big games. “From the beginning of his first year with us to now he has just been a model of consistency,” Penders, the UConn coach, said. “You just know what you’re going to get. He just makes you confident. When

he takes the mound everybody in our dugout just feels confident he’s going to be able to execute his pitches and stay in the moment.” Peterson, 17-3 during his time as a Husky, will start Friday against Wake Forest at 1 p.m. (ESPN) in the College Park, Maryland, Regional. As in any double-elimination tournament, winning Game 1 is paramount. With a win, UConn (46-13) would get the winner of Maryland-LIU on Friday at 7 p.m.

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College Park, Md., Regional schedule
Friday: No. 3 UConn vs. No. 2 Wake Forest, 1 p.m., ESPN; No. 1 Maryland vs. No. 4 LIU, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.; Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.; Game 5 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday: If necessary, 7 p.m.



Austin Peterson, 17-3 during his two seasons at UConn, will start the Huskies’ NCAA Tournament opener against Wake Forest in the Regional at Maryland on Friday at 1 p.m. **STEPHEN SLADE/UConn PHOTO**



Former UConn forward Isaiah Whaley shoots against New Mexico State during a game on March 17 in Buffalo, New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

‘Basketball, naps and food every single day’

Former UConn star Whaley is working hard to get on NBA’s radar

By Shreyas Laddha | Hartford Courant

Isaiah Whaley can remember what he was thinking when he stepped on the UConn campus and walked into Gampel Pavilion as a freshman five years ago. “Coming into UConn, you look up every day and see all the people on the wall and all the NBA people,” he said. “You’re just like, ‘Man, I want to work to get that chance.’” Fast-forward to 2022, and that is just what Whaley is doing.

Since Whaley left Storrs in late March, he’s been hard at work trying to get ready for the NBA draft. He’s balancing two two-hour basketball workouts per day with weight lifting and, of course, rest. “My day is just basketball, naps and food every single day,” he said. The 6-foot-9 forward made tremendous strides during his time at Storrs. Whaley had flashes of talent as a freshman but made too many mistakes. By his fourth season, he was the Big East co-Defensive Player of the Year, and in his fifth year, he started 31 of 32 games and averaged 7.7 points, 4.8 rebounds, and 2.2 blocks. In April, along with UConn teammates Tyrese Martin and R.J. Cole, Whaley was invited to the Portsmouth Invitational in Virginia, an event that allows players to showcase their games to NBA, G-League and over-

seas scouts. He averaged 3.7 points and 6.3 rebounds over three games. “It was a really interesting experience,” he said. “I was really nervous playing up there. It was my first time not in the college system. I was in the system for five years and it was the first time really showcasing myself.” Whaley met with four NBA teams: the Charlotte Hornets, Memphis Grizzlies, Detroit Pistons and Atlanta Hawks. They all asked Whaley about his basketball story, what he would bring to their respective teams, as well as his time at UConn. During the interview process, Whaley was pushed to show more of his offensive game, something that was not always apparent at

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YANKEES 6, ANGELS 1

Maddon thinks Ohtani is tipping pitches

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobody had to tip off the Yankees about Shohei Ohtani, even though he rarely comes through New York. In fact, Angels manager Joe Maddon suspects the Bronx Bombers knew something about the reigning AL MVP on Thursday that even the two-way star didn’t. Maddon indicated that Ohtani was tipping his pitches to New York during Los Angeles’ 6-1 loss after the right-hander gave up solo homers to Matt Carpenter, Gleyber Torres and Aaron Judge. The Angels lost their seventh straight, their worst skid since an eight-game slide in 2019, in the opener of a doubleheader. “They’re really good at reading pitchers,” Maddon said of the Yankees. “They’re very good at it.” Ohtani was set to make history in the nightcap, joining Hall of Famer slugger Jimmie Foxx as the only players to start both ends of a doubleheader, one of them as a pitcher, per the Elias Sports Bureau. Foxx did it with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1945 during the final month of his career. Ohtani, set to DH, was hoping to rinse a miserable start to a soggy day in the Bronx. Carpenter led off the first inning with a homer that capped an 11-pitch at-bat, and Ohtani didn’t get his first swing-and-miss until his 54th pitch. He was charged with four runs in three-plus innings before Maddon pulled the plug after 75 pitches. Maddon said he thought New York had picked up on a tell via “natural means.” “We just have to be more vigilant,” Maddon said. Asked if he was tipping, Ohtani said with a laugh: “I’m not sure, you should probably ask the other side.” Nestor Cortes (5-1) delivered seven tidy innings, DJ LeMahieu also homered and the major league-leading Yankees ensured

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CLASS M TRACK

Sheehan girls win first outdoor title

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — Sheehan High senior Erin Brennan didn’t make the finals of the pole vault or the long jump. When she started to prepare for her last event, the triple jump, she didn’t know the score of Thursday’s Class M championship meet. But as she saw her teammates gathering around the triple jump area she assumed it was another close one between her team and Weston. She was unfazed. “I’m looking at my teammates and there were a few Weston

triple jumpers there and we were like, ‘Well, we know what we got to do now,’” Brennan said. Brennan finished second in the triple jump and teammates Savanna Bauman and Katie Lombino were third and sixth, to help Sheehan clinch its first outdoor girls track title with 125.5 points to defeat Weston (110). Stonington won the boys title with 76 points. “I thought that was great, that just shows you the kind of person she is,” Sheehan coach Charles Farley said of Brennan. “She

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UConn Men’s Hockey

Coach Cavanaugh gets 6-year extension

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News



Cavanaugh

UConn men’s hockey coach Mike Cavanaugh, after leading the program to the Hockey East final this past season, has signed a six-year contract extension. The contract calls for \$3.58 million over the six-year term, with bonuses based on team performance. “I am pleased that Coach Cavanaugh will be leading our men’s hockey program for the foreseeable future,” Athletic Director David Benedict said in a statement released by UConn. “It is well known that Cav was highly sought after following the 2021-22 season, and this contract is more in line with his Hockey East peers whose

programs are competing for championships. “As our new on-campus hockey facility continues to take shape, this contract reaffirms our investment into the program, and of our intention to compete at the highest level. Cav has put UConn men’s hockey on a great path, and I am excited for what’s to come.” Cavanaugh, 53, had been considered a candidate for the job at BC, where he had been an assistant for 18 years before coming to UConn, but he announced in April he was staying at UConn, where the new on-campus rink is nearing completion. Cavanaugh took over the program in 2013 as UConn was transitioning to Hockey East, one of the nation’s premier conferences. This past season the Huskies won their first conference playoff game, beating Boston University at the XL Center, then beat Northeastern in the semifinals in Boston before losing the championship game in OT to UMass. UConn finished 20-16-1, ranked No. 19 in the final USCHO.com poll. “We have worked hard to build our program into a Hockey East championship contender and are excited to keep building and working until we raise that first championship banner in our new state-of-the-art facility on campus,” Cavanaugh said.

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 2), Sunday, 8 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 3), Wednesday, 9 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 4), June 10, 9 p.m.
Rangers: Eastern Conference Finals: vs. Lightning (Game 2), Friday, 8 p.m.; at Lightning (Game 3), Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Lightning (Game 4), Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Athletics, Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at Athletics, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Athletics, Sunday, 4 p.m.
Yankees: Tigers, Friday, 7 p.m.; Tigers, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Tigers, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mets: at Dodgers, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Dodgers, Saturday, 10 p.m.; at Dodgers, Sunday, 4 p.m.
Yard Goats: Reading, Friday, 7 p.m.; Reading, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Reading, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: at Mercury, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Seattle, Sunday, 6 p.m.; Fever, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at El Paso, Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; at San Diego, June 11, 10 p.m.; Memphis, June 15, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
6 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Toyota 200, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
8 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Pacific Office Automation 147, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Florida State vs UCLA. (Live) ESPN2
1 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Grand Canyon vs Arkansas. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Connecticut vs Wake Forest. (Live) ESPNU
2 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Texas Tech vs Notre Dame. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. (Live) MLB
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: San Diego vs Vanderbilt. (Live) ESPNU
6 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Alabama State at Tennessee. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Wright State at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Ole Miss vs Arizona. (Live) ESPNU
7 p.m.: Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees. (Live), Apple TV+. Radio: 97
9:30 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Oakland Athletics. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
10 p.m.: New York Mets at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880.
10 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: New Mexico State at Oregon State. (Live) ESPNU
BASKETBALL
10 p.m.: Connecticut Sun at Phoenix Mercury. (Live), CBSSN, NESN+.
FOOTBALL
8 p.m.: USFL Football Pittsburgh Maulers vs New Jersey Generals. (Live) USA
11:30 p.m.: Adelaide Crows vs West Coast Eagles. (Live) FSP
2:30 a.m.: Gold Coast Suns vs North Melbourne Kangaroos. (Live) FSP
5 a.m.: Melbourne Demons vs Sydney Swans. (Live) FS1
GOLF
7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Porsche European Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
2 p.m.: the Memorial Tournament, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: 2022 U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship Second Round. (Live) USA
HOCKEY
8 p.m.: Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (Live) SPRTNET ESPN
RUGBY
6 a.m.: NRL Rugby Penrith Panthers vs Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs. (Live) FSP
5:30 a.m.: NRL Rugby Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles vs New Zealand Warriors. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Belgium vs Netherlands. (Live) FS1
2:30 p.m.: UEFA Nations League Soccer Croatia vs Austria. (Live) FSP
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: 2022 Women's College World Series Game 5: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
9:30 p.m.: 2022 Women's College World Series Game 6: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
8:45 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis Men's Semifinals. (Live) TENNIS
11 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis Men's Semifinals. (Live) NBC
5 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis Boys & Girls' Singles Championships. (Live) TENNIS

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Chytil, ‘Kid Line’ continues surge

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — This was a shift for the ages: three Ranger lines building to a crescendo in the Tampa Bay Lightning’s zone with crisp passes, stick handling and skating in Wednesday night’s second period. Until it was all too much for the reigning two-time Stanley Cup champions and all-world Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy. Until ‘Kid Line’ center Filip Chytil’s second goal of the night turned this back-and-forth boat race into a blowout 6-2 Game 1 Blue-shirts win at the Garden to open this Eastern Conference Final.

“It was a great shift,” Chytil, 22, said of the Rangers spending more than two minutes straight in Tampa’s defensive zone prior to his pivotal goal. “We got the goal and momentum for the whole team... I’m happy I can help the team like this.”

Until the raucous Ranger crowd rained jeers of “Igor’s better!” on Vasilevskiy in the third period in support of Igor Shesterkin, again the difference between the pipes. Vasilevskiy is supposed to be impenetrable. Tampa was the well-rested team coming off a sweep of the Presidents’ Trophy-winning Florida Panthers.



Rangers’ Filip Chytil celebrates after scoring a goal against the Lightning during Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

The Rangers were the ones who had to go seven games in both series, overcoming multiple game deficits to defeat both the Pittsburgh Penguins and Carolina Hurricanes to get here.

But Rangers coach Gerard Gallant said Tampa was “a little bit rusty” and “weren’t the same having nine days off.” So Gallant’s team capitalized, scoring the first goal in every period, beginning with Chris Kreider’s finish of a beautiful Mika Zibanejad feed 71 seconds into game. And they’ll have the Garden rocking again in

Game 2 on Friday night. The Stanley Cup spent Wednesday afternoon at the Giants’ facility in East Rutherford, N.J. And the Rangers’ fans can taste their first Cup Final appearance since 2014, although there is still a long way to go to dethrone Tampa. One huge reason for confidence is Chytil — the 2017 Czechoslovakian first-round pick who now has five goals in the last three games — and ‘Kid Line’ wingers Kaapo Kakko (assist) and Alexis LaFreniere (two assists). “That’s why we’re still here,” Gallant said. “We’re

getting scoring from that line. Those kids have stepped it up and played good hockey, no doubt.” Chytil had eight goals in 67 games during his fourth full season on Broadway. Now he has six in 15 games this postseason alone, including back to back tallies at 10:09 and 15:43 of the second period. “He’s the [third] longest tenured Ranger, so I don’t know how he can be considered a kid,” defenseman Jacob Trouba said of Chytil, who is outlasted on this roster only by Kreider and Zibanejad. Chytil is only the fifth

Ranger ever to score seven career playoff goals before his 23rd birthday. His second of the game, off a beautiful pass from defenseman K’Andre Miller, extended the Rangers’ lead to a commanding 4-2. It was the product of a fantastic shift started by Ryan Strome’s line with Andrew Copp and Artemi Panarin (goal) chipping in. Barclay Goodrow’s fourth line, with Ryan Reaves and Tyler Motte, continued their strong game to keep the momentum going and the puck moving. Then the supremely skilled kids finished the job, a magnificent moment that saw the Ranger faithful rise and anticipate Chytil’s one-time finish over Vasilevskiy’s left shoulder to culminate in a wave of elation. Some late shenanigans and scuffles from the Rangers’ and Lightning’s grinders sent the rabid fans home happy late in the third period. What they should feel best about, though, is that these Rangers are highly skilled. They’re unafraid. And for one night here in Manhattan, they were the clearly better team facing an opponent that has lifted the Stanley Cup the past two years. Maybe it will be the Rangers’ turn next.

A year later, Cordero has earned Red Sox’s trust

By Alex Speier
Boston Globe

BOSTON — A year ago, a game like Wednesday night’s might have inspired panic in Franchy Cordero. Going 0-for-4 with three strikeouts against the Reds? Such a line would have come with thought bubbles about a loss of playing time in the big leagues or perhaps even a demotion to Triple-A Worcester. Now, however, Cordero and the Sox can both approach such a game — or even his recent three-game 0-for-10 skid that includes five strikeouts — with a different perspective. More than seven months removed from being designated for assignment and passing through waivers unclaimed before being

outrighted to Worcester, Cordero is winning the trust of the Red Sox. Since Cordero was called up April 29 he has played in 28 of 31 games, starting 23. The 27-year-old is arriving at the park anticipating chances to contribute rather than wondering whether his role might vanish. “It feels great to see that all the hard work has paid off,” Cordero said through translator Carlos Villoria Benítez. “I’m glad to see that the manager has confidence in me. “It feels great to have the opportunity to play every



Cordero

day and try to contribute to the team. For me, I’m just trying to do the little things on the field that can help the team win.” Cordero has spent years as more myth than player. His combination of strength and speed has few peers in the game. In multiple years, according to Statcast data, he has registered exit velocities in the top 1% in baseball as well as sprint speeds that landed in the top 6%. But a succession of injuries limited his playing time. Between the minors and big leagues Cordero played in 47 games in 2018, 24 in 2019 and 16 in 2020. Instead of progressing into an everyday player from ages 23 through 25, Cordero’s development was stunted.

METS

Guillorme: Master of getting on base, making the most of his playing time

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — If the name of the game is getting on base, and the best hitters are the ones who get on base most frequently, then Luis Guillorme is currently the best hitter in the National League. The Mets’ infielder, who’s been used sparingly for his entire five-year career, has the highest on-base percentage of any NL player that’s made at least 100 plate appearances. He’s ahead of potential Hall of Famers Paul Goldschmidt and Manny Machado, and he’s not just edging them out either. Guillorme heads into the Mets’ grueling West Coast road trip with a .455 on-base percentage. Goldschmidt is at .429 with Machado at .422. Both Goldschmidt

and Machado have made double the plate appearances that Guillorme has, but that’s not Guillorme’s fault. All a hitter can do is maximize the at-bats they’re given, which is what Guillorme did for the entire month of May. He racked up a preposterous .414/.477/.517 slash line in 66 May plate appearances. The batting average and on-base percentage led Major League Baseball during that month, and it was the tenth-highest batting average any Met has ever had in a single month. That scorched earth stretch forced himself into the lineup, as the Venezuelan has started 12 of the Mets’ last 20 games and each of the last five. Buck Showalter has really had no choice but to play Guillorme. A career .262 hitter coming into the

year, Guillorme has started the year hitting .360. The 27-year-old has always been an obsessively patient hitter, and now that the hits are starting to drop too, seemingly no pitcher in the league can keep him off the base paths. For the third straight season, Guillorme is taking a walk in over 14% of his plate appearances. While the rest of the players in the league swing at 47.4% of the pitches they see, Guillorme is offering at just 39.4%. He’s also seen 31 pitches this season that Baseball-Savant defines as “waste pitches,” ones well outside the strike zone that are typically meant to either set up a subsequent pitch or get a hitter to swing at something they have no chance of contacting. Of those 31 pitches, Guillorme has swung at zero.

NFL

Giants offensive line faces tough challenge going into next season

Associated Press

With the NFL season a little more than three months away, it’s still difficult to say whether the New York Giants are finally going to have a line that will make Daniel Jones and the offensive effective. The group has been the Giants weakest link through five straight losing seasons. The exception might be 2018 when running back Saquon Barkley had one of the best rookie seasons in league history. It was mostly him, not the line. The past three years have been a nightmare offensively and much has changed. Former Bills offensive coordinator Brian Daboll was hired to replace Joe Judge after the 4-13 record last season. One of his first hires was bringing in Bobby Johnson from Buffalo to coach the O-line, the same job he had with the Bills. Johnson isn’t feeling pressure. His goal is simply to get the line to meet his expectations. That’s be tough mentally and physically, be football smart, come prepared and be dependable. Through the recent organized team activities, the line looks very different. Left tackle Andrew Thomas, who is coming off ankle surgery, is the only real holdover although he is not working out now. Shane Lemieux is back at left guard after missing all but the season opener with a knee injury. The rest of the group is new. Center Jon Feliciano (Bills) and right guard Mark Glowinski (Colts) were signed as free agents and right tackle Evan Neal of Alabama was drafted with the No. 7 pick overall. It’s an interesting group, just based on the nick-

names Johnson sometimes uses: A.T. (Thomas), Frenchy (Lemieux), Dirtbag (Feliciano), Glow (Glowinski) and Big Ev (Neal). There also is depth this year with the Giants signing veterans Max Garcia, Jamil Douglas and Matt Gono as free agents and the drafting of North Carolina teammates Joshua Ezeudu and Marcus McKethan in the third and fifth rounds, respectively. Johnson isn’t talking to his players about the Bills or their potent offense. Likewise, he doesn’t want to hear anything about what happened in recent years. “I think that’s the best way to get them to move on,” Johnson said. “I’m sure there’s things that happened that were bad and you keep worrying about them. They’re going to repeat themselves. We’re going to move on.” That’s exactly what Glowinski and Lemieux said Thursday after practice. Glowinski said the line wants to dominate, be aggressive and finish. It’s anything to put up a W. ... LB Kayvon Thibodeaux, the No. 5 pick overall, once again wore a red jersey at practice. He did agility drills with a trainer. ... Daboll said the mandatory minicamp next week will be almost the same as the OTA workouts, just a little longer.

Jets: Ring of Honor additions

The New York Jets will induct former cornerback Darrelle Revis, center Nick Mangold and left tackle D’Brickashaw Ferguson into the team’s Ring of Honor during separate halftime ceremonies this season.

Yankees

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themselves a series victory over slumping Los Angeles. The game was played under threat of thunderstorms that held off until the top of the ninth. The sky opened as Wandy Peralta finished his warmup tosses, the tarp was rolled out and a 1-hour, 28-minute delay followed. Peralta came back after

the pause and finished his first save, striking out Ohtani to end it. Ohtani (3-4) slogged through another disappointing day at Yankee Stadium after getting two outs and allowing seven runs in his debut on the Bronx rubber last June. The Japanese right-hander was only a touch better in front of a sparsely attended makeup of Wednesday’s rainout. He did have a hit off Cortes, but

he was promptly picked off by the left-hander. The resurgent Carpenter put Ohtani behind with his third homer in six games since joining the Yankees as a free agent, a soaring fly that narrowly fouled inside the right-field foul pole. “Really just trying to set the tone as a leadoff hitter that we were going to try to spoil some of his best stuff,” Carpenter said. “It was awesome,” Yankees manager Aaron

Boone added. “It was just a really good at-bat where he was able to see a lot, everyone else was able to see a lot.” Torres connected three batters later to make it 2-0, his 10th homer of the season to surpass his total from 2021. Judge tagged Ohtani leading off the third, a line drive that easily cleared the wall in left for his major league-leading 19th homer. Ohtani’s velocity was up half a tick from his season

average, but he didn’t induce a whiff until a fast-ball that struck out Anthony Rizzo to end a 10-pitch at-bat in the third. He ended with three misses on 45 swings, a 6.7% rate that’s second lowest in his career, better only than his first outing following Tommy John surgery in 2020, per Statcast. “I think our guys just capitalized on some mistakes against him,” Boone said.

BASEBALL

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EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	35	15	.700	—	—	6-4	W-2	19-7	16-8
Toronto	30	20	.600	5	—	8-2	W-8	17-8	13-12
Tampa Bay	30	21	.588	5 ½	—	6-4	W-2	17-11	13-10
Boston	24	27	.471	11 ½	3	5-5	W-1	13-14	11-13
Baltimore	22	30	.423	14	5 ½	5-5	W-1	13-12	9-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	30	23	.566	—	—	3-7	L-3	17-11	13-12
Cleveland	22	24	.478	4 ½	2 ½	5-5	W-3	11-8	11-16
Chicago	23	26	.469	5	3	4-6	L-3	11-13	12-13
Detroit	21	30	.412	8	6	7-3	W-3	15-15	6-15
Kansas City	16	33	.327	12	10	2-8	L-4	8-15	8-18

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	33	18	.647	—	—	7-3	W-4	14-6	19-12
Los Angeles	27	24	.529	6	—	3-7	L-7	15-13	12-11
Texas	24	26	.480	8 ½	2 ½	6-4	L-2	12-14	12-12
Seattle	21	29	.420	11 ½	5 ½	4-6	L-1	12-10	9-19
Oakland	20	33	.377	14	8	3-7	L-3	7-20	13-13

BOX SCORES

TORONTO 8, CHI. WHITE SOX 3

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
L.Garcia ss	4	1	2	0	1	.194
Rcort cf	4	1	2	2	0	.290
Moncada 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.138
Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Sheets rf	3	0	0	0	2	.203
Grandal c	3	0	0	0	2	.163
Vaughn lf	4	2	1	0	0	.274
McGuire dh	4	1	1	0	1	.202
Harrison 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.167
TOTALS	33	3	7	3	7	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Espinal 2b	5	0	3	3	0	.272
Bichette ss	5	0	1	1	1	.254
Guerrero Jr. dh	4	1	1	0	1	.194
Hernandez rf	5	2	2	2	1	.210
Kirk c	3	0	2	0	1	.301
Biggio 1b	4	1	1	1	2	.125
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.262
Tapia lf	3	2	1	0	0	.274
a-Gurriel Jr. lf	1	1	0	0	0	.251
Zimmer cf	2	0	0	0	1	.111
TOTALS	35	8	12	7	8	

Chi. White Sox	000	000	030	—	3	7	1
Toronto	001	012	04x	—	8	12	0

a-pinch hit for Tapia in the 8th.
E: Sheets (2). **LOB:** Chicago 5, Toronto 8.
2B: Robert (4), Tapia (7), Kirk (8), Espinal (14), Guerrero Jr. (6), Hernandez (6), Biggio (2).
HR: Hernandez (3), off Cueto.
RBIs: Robert 2(19), Moncada (5), Espinal 3(22), Hernandez 2(13), Biggio (2), Bichette (26). **SB:** Robert (7).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 2(Grandal 2); Toronto 5 (Hernandez 2, Bichette, Biggio, Guerrero Jr.).
RISP: Chicago 2for 5; Toronto 4for 12.
GIDP: Sheets, Espinal. **DP:** Chicago 1 (L.Garcia, Harrison, Abreu); Toronto 1 (Chapman, Bichette, Biggio).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cueto, L, 0-2	6	7	4	3	0	5	2.92
Banks	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.79
Lopez	1	2	0	4	1	0	5.40
Bummer	½	0	0	0	1	0	3.52
Lambert	½	1	0	0	1	1	5.14

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manoah, W, 6-1	7½	6	3	3	1	5	1.98
Cimber, H, 8	½	1	0	0	0	1	0.99
Thornion	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.31

Lopez pitched to 4batters in the 8th.
Inherited runners-scored: Bummer 3-2, Lambert 2-1, Cimber 1-1.
HBP: Cueto (Zimmer), Lopez (Chapman). **WP:** Lambert.
Umpires: Home, Ryan Blakney; First, Ryan Addison; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Erich Bacchus.
T: 3:05. A: 25,250(53,506).

LATE WEDNESDAY:

TORONTO 7, CHI. WHITE SOX 3

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pollock lf	4	1	2	1	0	.226
Vaughn rf	3	1	0	0	0	.283
Abreu 1b	4	1	2	2	1	.250
Robert dh	4	0	1	0	2	.284
Burger 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.237
L.Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.183
Engel cf	3	0	0	0	2	.243
a-Moncada ph	1	0	0	0	1	.131
McGuire c	4	0	0	0	0	.200
Mendick ss	3	0	2	0	1	.324
b-Sheets ph	1	0	0	0	0	.208
TOTALS	35	3	8	3	8	
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Espinal 2b	4	1	1	1	1	.262
Bichette ss	2	1	0	1	1	.255
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	1	2	2	2	.253
Hernandez rf	3	1	2	0	1	.290
Kirk dh	5	0	0	0	1	.202
Gurriel Jr. lf	3	0	1	0	2	.242
Chapman 3b	3	2	1	0	0	.204
Jansen c	4	1	1	3	1	.283
Tapia cf	3	2	2	0	0	.250
Zimmer cf	1	0	0	0	1	.115
TOTALS	33	7	10	7	10	

Chi. White Sox	100	200	000	—	3	8	0
Toronto	113	000	02x	—	7	10	1

a-struck out for Engel in the 9th.
b-lined out for Mendick in the 9th.
E: Hernandez (2). **LOB:** Chicago 6, Toronto 10. **2B:** Burger (3), Tapia (26), Hernandez (5).
HR: Pollock (3), off Ryu; Abreu (6), off Ryu; Espinal (3), off Kopec; Jansen (7), off Kopec; Guerrero Jr. (10), off Sousa.
RBIs: Pollock (11), Abreu (22), Espinal (19), Bichette (25), Sanchez (12), Guerrero Jr. (226). **CS:** Gurriel Jr. (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 4(Engel, Abreu 2, L.Garcia); Toronto 5(Hernandez, Kirk, Espinal, Guerrero Jr. 2). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 6; Toronto 1for 6. **Runners moved up:** Kirk. **GIDP:** Pollock. **DP:** Toronto 1 (Bichette, Espinal, Guerrero Jr.).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kopec, L, 1-2	3	6	5	5	4	2	2.20
Crick	2	1	0	1	1	3	3.60
Foster	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.35
Ruiz	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.82
Sousa	1	2	2	2	1	1	6.89

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryu	4	4	3	2	0	4	5.33
Stripling, W, 1-1	2½	3	0	0	0	2	4.22
Phelps, H, 5	½	1	0	0	1	1	2.25
Ysordia	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.00

Inherited runners-scored: Phelps 1-0.
Umpires: Home, Erich Bacchus; First, Ryan Blakney; Second, Brian Knight; Third, Adrian Johnson.
T: 3:14. A: 23,312(53,506).

ON THIS DATE

JUNE 3

1918: Dutch Leonard of the Boston Red Sox pitched his second no-hitter, blanking the Detroit Tigers 5-0.
1932: Lou Gehrig became the first American League player to hit four home runs in a game, helping the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia A's 20-13. The event was overshadowed by the resignation of John McGraw as manager of the New York Giants.
1954: Henry Thompson of the New York Giants hit three home runs and drove in eight runs in a 13-8 win against the St. Louis Cardinals. Willie Mays drove in the other five runs with two homers.
1971: Ken Holtzman of the Chicago Cubs pitched his second no-hitter, beating the Cincinnati Reds 1-0.
1978: Dave Johnson became the first major league to hit two pinch-hit grand slams in a season. His grand slam in the ninth inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 5-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.
2003: Sammy Sosa was ejected in the first inning of Chicago's 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after umpires found cork in his shattered bat.
2017: Endinson Volquez of the Mets throws the first no-hitter of the year, defeating the Diamondbacks 3-0.

TAMPA BAY 3, TEXAS 1

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arozarena lf	5	0	0	0	0	.251
Margot rf	3	1	2	0	0	.322
Kiermaier cf	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Ramirez 1b	5	1	2	0	2	.279
Diaz 3b	4	0	2	1	0	.266
Mejia dh	4	1	1	0	0	.247
Paredes 2b	2	0	0	1	0	.200
Zunino c	4	0	1	0	0	.151
Brujan ss	3	0	1	1	0	.150
Phillips cf-rf	3	0	0	0	2	.188
TOTALS	33	3	9	3	4	
Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Smith 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.444
Semien ss	4	1	1	1	1	.194
Calhoun rf	3	0	0	0	0	.255
Garver dh	4	0	0	0	2	.217
Heim c	4	0	2	0	0	.263
Garcia cf	4	0	2	0	0	.232
Lowie 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.261
a-Huff ph-1b	2	0	0	0	1	.370
Reks lf	2	0	0	0	0	.227
b-White ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.218
Culberson 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.220
TOTALS	32	1	6	1	7	

Tampa Bay	012	000	000	—	3	9	0
Texas	000	001	04x	—	1	6	0

a-struck out for Lowe in the 7th.
b-struck out for Reks in the 7th.
LOB: Tampa Bay 11, Texas 6.
2B: Mejia (5), Brujan (3), Smith (1), Heim (6).
HR: Semien (2), off Kluber.
RBIs: Brujan (4), Diaz (12), Paredes (9), Semien (18).
SB: Arozarena (8), S: Phillips.
Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 6(Brujan 2, Phillips, Margot 2, Diaz); Texas 3(Garver 2, White).
RISP: Tampa Bay 2for 10; Texas 1for 7.
Runners moved up: Paredes, Calhoun. **GIDP:** Mejia.
DP: Texas 2(Semien, Culberson, Lowe; Culberson, Semien, Huff).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kluber, W, 2-2	6	4	1	1	0	4	3.73
Adam, H, 6	½	2	0	0	0	1	0.83
Raley, H, 7	½	0	0	0	0	2	2.57
Armstrong, H, ½	½	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Feyerisen, H, ½	½	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Thompson, S, 3-6	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.50

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hearn, L, 3-4	4	6	3	3	4	3	5.48
Richards	2	1	0	0	1	1	4.24
Burke	2	2	0	0	1	0	1.01
Martin	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.42

Inherited runners-scored: Raley 2-0, Feyerisen 1-0.
HBP: Armstrong (Smith).

Umpires: Home, Ryan Wills; First, Jerry Meals; Second, Ed Hickox; Third, Vic Carapazza. T: 3:04. A: 17,097(40,300).

LATE WEDNESDAY:

CHI. CUBS 4, MILWAUKEE 3 (10)

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wong 2b	5	0	1	1	1	.223
Taylor rf	5	0	0	0	0	.242
Yelich lf	2	0	0	0	1	.231
Tellez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.247
Huard dh	4	1	1	0	3	.235
Narvaez c	4	0	1	1	1	.274
Brosseau ss	4	1	1	0	2	.265
Peterson 3b	4	1	3	1	1	.231
Cain cf	4	0	0	0	2	.179
TOTALS	36	3	8	3	11	
Chi. Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel cf	3	1	0	1	1	.268
Contreras c	4	1	2	1	0	.277
Happ lf	3	0	1	0	0	.252
Wisdom 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.230
Schwindel dh	3	0	0	0	1	.220
Rivas 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.202
Hoerner ss	3	0	1	0	0	.285
Heyward rf	4	2	1	0	1	.211
Madrigal 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.212
TOTALS	31	4	7	2	4	

Milwaukee	001	110	000	0—	3	8	1
Chi. Cubs	200	010	000	1—	4	7	0

Two outs when winning run scored.
E: Narvaez (4).
LOB: Milwaukee 6, Chicago 5.
2B: Huard (1), Peterson 2(6), Happ (9).
3B: Peterson (1).
RBIs: Wong (14), Narvaez (10), Peterson (14), Contreras (19), Morel (6).
CS: Happ (1). **SF:** Morel.
Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 2(Wong, Taylor); Chicago 1(Morel).
RISP: Milwaukee 2for 10; Chicago 1 for 7.
Runners moved up: Madrigal 2.
GIDP: Taylor, Wisdom.
DP: Milwaukee 2(Wong, Tellez; Narvaez, Peterson, Narvaez); Chicago 1 (Wisdom, Madrigal, Rivas).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alexander	7	7	3	2	3	3	2.57
Sanchez	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Williams	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.15
Milner, L, 2-1	⅔	0	1	0	0	0	2.66

SPORTS

UConn

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“We’ve had guys with better stuff to be our No. 1 pitcher,” Penders said. “But I don’t think we have had a guy with the combination of poise, baseball IQ and acumen. All those things combine to make one heck of a complete pitcher.”

Add to Peterson’s formula an ornery, competitive streak, instilled in him by two older brothers back in Chesterton, Ind. Six days a week, Penders says, Peterson is “Midwest nice,” and on the day he is pitching, “an East Coast jerk.”

“He’s just a nasty guy on the mound, not fun to be around,” Penders said. “I try to avoid him. I hate going out to get him.”

No matter the score, the inning or pitch count, the coaches have an argument on their hands — “*You gotta be kidding me,*” for example — when they go to the mound to take Peterson out of a game.

“I try to keep it light when I’m outside the lines,” Peterson said. “But whenever I get in between the white lines and up on the hill, something just clicks in me. I’m huge competitor. It’s just second nature to me at this point, competing, being fiery when I’m out there and just having confidence in myself.”

Peterson, a right-hander, began his college career at Purdue appearing in 25 games as a freshman, all but one in relief. He posted a 2.20 ERA in Big Ten play and averaged more than a strikeout per inning, but he wanted an opportunity to use his full repertoire as a starter. He spent a season at Wabash Community College in Illinois, then picked UConn. where he has completed his degree in applied resources in economics and became the Huskies’ Friday night starter.

Last season he went 7-1 with a win over Xavier in the Big East Tournament opener, and a win over Michigan in the NCAA Regional at South Bend, Ind. This season he went 10-2 with a 3.22 ERA with 129 strikeouts and 17 walks in 100 innings.

But a loss at Georgetown in his last regular-season start puffed up his ERA and stuck in his craw. Though he came out of the game with a foot/toe strain and flew back to Connecticut for an exam, he texted Penders to tell him he’d be ready to start the conference tour-

nament opener against Georgetown seven days later.

“I’m pitching,” he told his coach. “I want them.” And he threw seven scoreless innings in a 4-0 win, getting UConn started toward a repeat as Big East champs.

“Me and coach Penders have a good relationship, me and [pitching coach Josh] MacDonald have a good relationship,” Peterson said. “But I never want to come out. I’d love to go out and throw 140 to 160 pitches if I could. That’s just not what baseball is today. They’re taking care of me and I have to respect that.”

Peterson, 6 feet 6 and 234 pounds, will have one of his toughest assignments on Friday. Wake Forest (40-17-1) has .319 team batting average and .548 slugging percentage with 115 home runs in 58 games.

The Deacons were 25-3 outside the ACC, which has nine teams in the field of 64. Wake Forest will send its No. 1 pitcher, Rhett Lowder, 11-3, 2.61 ERA in 15 starts, including a win over Miami in the ACC tournament.

“You’ve got keep going after guys and stay on the attack,” Peterson said. “You’re going to get everyone’s best shot in the post-season because nobody wants to go home. Whenever you get to match up against an ACC opponent there’s a little chip on your shoulder, competing against one of the best teams in the country.”

Peterson’s fastball is in the low 90s, with a slider that breaks late, more like a “slurve,” a changeup and a more conventional curve ball he mixes in occasionally. His command is so good, Penders said, that he has to be reminded to throw more pitches out of the strike zone to keep hitters off balance. With his strikeout-to-walk numbers Peterson, 22, who has another year of eligibility as an option, has heard from some scouts and is considered likely to be drafted in July, along with several teammates, somewhere in the middle of the 20 rounds.

“He’s not a one-hit wonder, not a one-piece wonder, you’ve got to appreciate him over time,” Penders said. “The last time I checked, the most important stat in this game is the W and he’s gotten an awful lot of Ws in two years at UConn.”

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Whaley

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UConn, where he was the fourth or fifth offensive option in the starting lineup.

One NBA assistant went so far as to ask if he regretted not transferring out of UConn for a more prominent role elsewhere. He quickly answered, “No, I have zero regrets.”

On Sunday, Whaley had a predraft workout with the Hornets that consisted of games of 1-on-1, 3-on-3 and different shooting drills.

“I feel like I did well,” he said. “Of course, I could have done better. I got winded a couple of times when we did full-court stuff.”

Draft experts don’t anticipate Whaley getting picked in the June 23 draft, but think he could likely sign as a free agent and wind up in the NBA’s G-League.

In the pros, Whaley sees himself as a role player. The Gastonia, North Carolina, native thinks he can provide stellar defense and hit the open 3.

For many NBA teams the biggest question mark is whether or not he can hit the 3 consistently. However, he improved his shooting from beyond the arc over his years at UConn. Whaley did not make a 3 his first three seasons but averaged 31.5% in his final two.

On Thursday, he worked

out with the Memphis Grizzlies, the last of his scheduled workouts for now.

While Whaley’s journey from a mistake-prone player to an NBA prospect is a testament to his work ethic, he gives significant credit to the Huskies’ coaching staff.

“I learned [from UConn coaches] that the game is more a mental side rather than always physical,” he said. “You have to really learn it. You have to learn other players’ tendencies. It’s more than the actual game itself. The mental side plays a lot more than people realize.”

As Whaley embarks on his professional journey he’s still involved with the Huskies. He frequently texts his old teammates and keeps in touch with the coaches. In a week or two, he will come back to Storrs to work out with the team.

He has high expectations for next year’s team.

“I think they will be really, really good,” Whaley said. “I expect them to be a lot better offensively as well. It’s not going to be any drop-off. It’s probably going to be even better.

“[UConn coach] Dan Hurley is always good at making sure the team does better and better every year. I expect really good things from them.”

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TENNIS FRENCH OPEN

Gauff, 18, will face No. 1 Swiatek in final

Associated Press

PARIS — In some ways, Coco Gauff is very much a typical 18-year-old, striding into Court Philippe Chatrier for her French Open semifinal on Thursday with earbuds in place, listening to a playlist she explained is “called ‘Rap’ — and I can’t say the next word.”

And in some ways, she is an old soul, anything but a run-of-the-mill teen — or run-of-the-mill tennis player.

So when Gauff had wrapped up her 6-3, 6-1 victory over Martina Trevisan to reach her first Grand Slam final, setting up a showdown against No. 1-ranked Iga Swiatek on Saturday, the American thought of the recent spate of mass shootings in her home country and wrote in marker on a courtside TV camera: “Peace. End gun violence.”

“I woke up this morning, and I saw there was another shooting, and I think it’s just crazy. I know that it’s getting more attention now. But ... this has been an issue, at least in my head, for a long time, and I definitely think there needs to be some reform put into place,” Gauff said. “I think now especially, being 18, I’ve really been trying to educate myself around certain situations, because now I have the right to vote and I want to use that wisely.”

A willingness to speak out about issues of significance, and a wide-lens view of the world, reflect the sort of maturity that has served her well, especially with so much attention from such a young age. She won the French Open junior title at 14. She became the youngest qual-



Coco Gauff of the U.S. celebrates winning her semifinal match against Italy’s Martina Trevisan in two sets, 6-3, 6-1, at the French Open on Thursday in Paris. MICHELE EULER/AP

ifier in Wimbledon history and then beat Venus Williams on the way to the fourth round there at 15.

“From what I see on court, she’s developing every year, basically,” said Swiatek, the champion at Roland Garros in 2020 and on a 34-match winning streak after eliminating No. 20 Daria Kasatkina 6-2, 6-1 on Thursday. “And when I see her, I tend to forget that she’s 18.”

Ah, but she is.

When Gauff arrived in Paris a little more than two weeks ago, she celebrated her recent high school graduation by posing for cap-and-gown photos near the Eiffel Tower while holding her diploma. Now she’s the youngest player to reach a major title match since Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon at 17 in 2004.

Gauff has won all 12 sets she’s played, although she

did not need to navigate the most arduous path to get this. Because of all manner of surprising results and early exits by top players from the bracket, she has faced only one seeded foe, No. 31 Elise Mertens.

Big serves that reached 115 mph against Trevisan, a terrific backhand and a still-improving forehand are the keys to the 18th-seeded Gauff’s game.

Trevisan also praised Gauff’s defense, likening facing her to hitting against a wall — every ball comes back.

Now, in Swiatek, comes someone who will present a much tougher test. The only Polish player to win a major singles title hasn’t lost since February, stringing together five tournaments in a row; only Venus Williams, who won 35 consecutive matches in 2000, has a

longer unbeaten stretch this century.

“I’m just trying to treat these matches as any other matches,” Swiatek said, “because it is stressful, and I accept that. But I want to keep doing the same work.”

The men’s semifinals are Friday, with 13-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal playing No. 3 seed Alexander Zverev, and 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic facing No. 8 Casper Ruud.

With only faint wisps of clouds overhead and the temperature hovering around 75 degrees Fahrenheit (about 25 Celsius), the two women’s semifinals followed a similar pattern.

Swiatek-Kasatkina was at 2-all. Then Swiatek claimed 10 of the last 11 games.

Gauff-Trevisan was at 3-all. Then Gauff claimed nine of the last 10 games.

Travelers to run golf tournament that benefits trailblazer Sifford’s foundation

By Dom Amore

Hartford Courant

The Travelers Championship will host a golf outing to honor the legacy of Charlie Sifford, who would have turned 100 on Thursday, and benefit a scholarship in his name.

Sifford made history on the PGA Tour during the 1960s, becoming the first Black golfer to earn a Tour card in 1961 and winning the Greater Hartford Open at Wethersfield CC in 1967.

The Charlie Sifford Centennial Celebration Golf Outing will be run at Wethersfield on June 21, just before the Travelers Championship gets underway at the TPC. Tournament officials are posthumously naming Sifford honorary chairperson for the 2022

tournament.

“Charlie Sifford made golf history, and we’re thrilled to celebrate his accomplishments and what he means to the game for such a good cause,” said Nathan Grube, Travelers Championship director. “Because of everything that Charlie represents and stood for, we believe it’s important to honor his name and memory, especially during this centennial year of his birth.”

Sifford’s breaking of race barriers in pro golf cleared the way for minority golfers to build careers on the tour in subsequent decades.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dr. Charles L. Sifford Scholarship, which was created to support students who attend a historically Black college or university, or for

minority students focusing their education in a golf management program.

The Cobbs Creek Foundation will sponsor the Sifford Scholarship, working with The Travelers and the Skins and Pins Golf Club. Cobbs Creek was Sifford’s home course in Philadelphia.

“The Sifford family is immensely proud and honored that the Travelers Championship is recognizing my father with an exhibition tournament,” Charles Sifford Jr. said. “This tournament is an example of his vision of diversity and inclusion by the golf establishment. The Greater Hartford Open in 1967 was his first PGA Tour victory.”

The event at Wethersfield CC will start with breakfast, followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun scramble, lunch on

the course and a reception afterward. The cost to play is \$300 per person or \$1,200 for a foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Sifford also won the Los Angeles Open in 1969, then won on the PGA Tour Champions circuit in 1980. He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2004 and awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2014. He died in 2015.

“Charlie was a trailblazer who holds a special place in the hearts of many golf fans, especially in Connecticut after he won here,” said Andy Bessette, executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Travelers.

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Track

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had some trouble and she worked through it and she did what she had to do.”

Weston beat Sheehan last year, 109.5-108, to win the Class M title.

“It’s amazing,” Brennan said. “We came up short last year. We were like, ‘Wow, we were that close’ so we wanted it that much more.”

Sheehan’s Patrice Mansfield remembered how upset she felt last year. So when Farley asked her to run the hurdles — something she hadn’t done since her freshman year — to get team points, she agreed.

“I just needed to think about the team and how we can score in different events,” Mansfield said. “We have a pretty good sprinting team for the ladies. If I can spread out and earn some points somewhere else, I would absolutely do it.”

Mansfield, a senior, won

the 300-megter hurdles in 47.25. She also finished seventh in the 100 (her teammate Amanda Castaldi was third) and helped her team win the 4x100-meter relay title, along with Castaldi, Maya Wresien and Avery Winters.

“They’ve been willing to do anything to make it happen,” Farley said. “It was a complete team win.”

Ittook Mansfield abitoget used to running the hurdles again and she was reluctant to try at first. But after Sheehan won the Class M indoor title (beating Weston), she knew she wanted to do it for a chance to win another team championship.

“Coming into this meet, all we cared about was what we could doto prove ourselves from last year because I know the seniors who were here last year, me and my co-captains, we definitely felt that hurt,” Mansfield said. “We wanted to use that to get better to motivate us and motivate the younger

teammates to let them know how to go in with a winner attitude and not losers from last year.”

Winters won the 400 (58.69) and finished second in the 200. Darla Jagrosse won the discus (120 feet, 2 inches) and finished second in the shot.

Lewis Mills’ Johnson a triple winner

Lewis Mills junior Michael Johnson was a triple winner, taking in the 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles and the 200 meters. He set a meet record in the 110 hurdles (14.35), despite racing in a downpour, then won the 300 in 39.47 and capped his day off running a 22.27 in the 200.

Johnson said he had a hard time seeing anything in his first win in the 110 hurdles because of the rain.

“I saw [Stonington runner-up] Josh [Mooney]

next to me and the hurdle and I was like, ‘Just get over it,’ ” he said.

The rain had stopped by the 300 hurdles. Shortly after that win, he stepped onto the track for the 200.

“It was back to back pretty much,” he said. “I had a short break. I came into the 200, I knew who I was up against. I just wanted to have a good race for myself.”

He pushed out a little harder than usual from the starting block and it slipped. “I had to focus on making up a lot of speed on the curve,” he said. “I hit the homestretch, it was neck and neck and I knew I had to give it everything I had. I lucked out.”

Johnson beat runner-up Vincent Sivo of Ellington by .04 seconds.

“I’m pretty tired,” Johnson said. “I had a great day, though. I’m pretty happy about it.”

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SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS SCHEDULE

#2 Boston vs. #2 Golden State
G1: Thursday: vs. Golden State, late
G2: Sunday: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.
G3: June 8: at Boston, 9 p.m.
G4: June 10: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G5: June 13: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-G6: June 16: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m.
(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

FINALS: PLAYOFF STATS

TOTAL	PTS	RB	A	SPG	BPG
Celtics	107.1	42.8	24.2	6.5	6.3
Warriors	114.5	44.8	28.3	6.8	5.1

PER GM	FG%	3P%	FT%	2P%
Celtics	45.4	36.2	81.0	53.0
Warriors	49.3	37.9	75.5	50.1

BOSTON	GP	MN	RB	A	PPG
Jayson Tatum	18	41.1	6.7	5.9	27.0
Jaylen Brown	18	38.2	6.8	3.5	22.9
Al Horford	17	36.8	9.6	3.5	11.9
Marcus Smart	15	36.5	4.5	6.2	15.5
Grant Williams	18	30.7	4.3	6.7	10.1
Derrick White	17	25.1	3.6	2.8	8.1
Robert Williams	11	21.4	5.5	0.7	7.8
Payton Pritchard	18	13.4	1.8	1.8	5.4
Daniel Theis	14	12.9	3.4	0.7	4.7
Aaron Nesmith	10	3.6	1.1	0.1	0.5
Luke Kornet	6	2.2	0.5	0.0	0.3
Sam Hauser	2	2.0	0.5	0.0	1.0
Nik Stauskas	8	1.9	0.1	0.4	1.3
Juwan Morgan	5	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.2
Malik Fitts	6	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.8

Celtics	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Tatum	157	352	57	152	115	138
Ja. Brown	147	303	44	114	75	100
Horford	75	150	32	74	20	24
G. Williams	56	133	32	79	38	46
Smart	79	200	34	103	41	50
D. White	46	121	16	58	29	37
Pritchard	37	82	21	58	3	4
R. Williams	33	52	0	1	20	22
Theis	29	49	2	12	6	8
Nesmith	2	11	1	8	0	0
Stauskas	2	8	2	6	4	4
Luke Kornet	1	2	0	0	0	0
Fitts	2	3	1	1	0	0
Morgan	0	1	0	1	1	2
Sam Hauser	0	1	0	1	2	2

GOLDEN STATE	GP	MN	RB	A	PPG
Klay Thompson	16	35.1	4.3	2.4	19.8
Stephen Curry	16	33.6	4.9	6.2	25.9
Andrew Wiggins	16	33.2	7.0	1.7	15.8
Draymond Green	16	30.4	6.9	6.3	8.7
Jordan Poole	16	30.1	3.2	4.5	18.4
Otto Porter Jr.	13	20.7	4.1	2.2	5.5
Kevon Looney	16	19.9	7.7	2.0	6.1
Gary Payton II	7	15.9	3.0	1.3	6.1
Andre Iguodala	3	14.0	2.3	2.3	1.3
Nemanja Bjelica	10	12.1	2.3	1.6	3.4
Jonathan Kuminga	12	10.8	2.2	0.7	6.9
Moses Moody	9	10.4	0.9	0.4	4.3
Damion Lee	12	9.7	2.2	0.6	2.7
Juan	10	4.1	0.8	0.5	1.1
Toscano-Anderson					

Warriors	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Thompson	122	267	57	143	16	20
Curry	136	303	60	158	83	101
Wiggins	98	204	24	68	33	52
Dr. Green	55	102	6	23	23	35
Poole	102	192	35	89	55	60
Looney	44	66	0	0	9	16
Porter Jr.	28	60	10	31	5	7
Kuminga	30	59	3	13	20	26
Bjelica	14	26	2	6	4	7
Lee	13	30	4	12	2	3
Payton II	16	22	6	8	5	8
Moody	14	27	7	13	4	6
Iguodala	1	5	0	2	2	3
Tscn-Andrsn	4	9	2	4	1	3
through Sunday						

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	7	3	.700	—
Connecticut	6	3	.667	½
Atlanta	6	3	.667	½
Chicago	5	3	.625	1
Indiana	3	9	.250	5
New York	2	7	.222	4½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	9	1	.900	—
Seattle	5	3	.625	3
San Antonio	5	4	.556	3½
Los Angeles	5	6	.455	4½
Phoenix	2	7	.222	6½
Minnesota	2	8	.200	7

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Connecticut at Las Vegas, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

New York at Washington, 7p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Connecticut at Phoenix, 10p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

New York 87, Danilana 74
Atlanta 84, Minnesota 76

ODDS

MLB		FRIDAY	
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
St. Louis	-110	at Chi. Cubs	-106
at Cincinnati	-120	Washington	+100
San Francisco	-137	at Miami	+118
Arizona	-112	at Pittsburgh	+108
at Milwaukee	-142	San Diego	+123
Atlanta	-170	at Colorado	+150
at LA Dodgers	-157	NY Mets	+138

AMERICAN LEAGUE		NATIONAL LEAGUE	
at Baltimore	Off	Cleveland	Off
at NY Yankees	Off	Detroit	Off
at Toronto	Off	Minnesota	Off
at Tampa Bay	Off	Chi White Sox	Off
at Texas	Off	Seattle	Off
Houston	-142	at Kansas City	+122
Boston	-142	at Oakland	+122

INTERLEAGUE		
at Philadelphia	Off	LA Angels
	Off	

NHL CUP PLAYOFFS		FRIDAY	
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Tampa Bay	-126	at NY Rangers	+105

ODDS TO WIN SERIES			
NY Rangers	-115	Tampa Bay	+105
Colorado	-430	Edmonton	+320

NBA FINALS

ODDS TO WIN NBA FINALS SERIES			
Golden State	-150	Boston	+130

TENNIS: FRENCH OPEN

MEN'S SINGLES OUTRIGHT CHAMPION			
Rafael Nada	11-2	Alex. Zverev	7-2
Casper Ruud	11-2	Marin Cilic	10-1
FRENCH OPEN MEN'S FINALISTS			
Rafael Nadal vs. Casper Ruud	10-11		
Rafael Nadal vs. Marin Cilic	9-4		
Alexander Zverev vs. Casper Ruud	4-1		
Alexander Zverev vs. Marin Cilic	15-2		

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES				
MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS				
RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	512	—	7
2	Toyota	486	-26	4
3	Ford	466	-46	3

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS					
DRIVER	W	T	S	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	1	3	9		489
Ross Chastain	2	7	8		455
Kyle Busch	1	5	10		452
Ryan Blaney	0	4	6		436
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	6		430
Joey Logano	1	4	6		423
William Byron	2	4	4		420
Alex Bowman	1	3	9		415
Kyle Larson	1	6	8		412
Christopher Bell	0	4	8		400
Kevin Harvick	0	3	7		373
Tyler Reddick	0	4	6		350
Chase Briscoe	1	3	4		349
Aric Almirola	0	1	4		342
Austin Dillon	0	3	6		328
Erik Jones	0	1	4		321
Denny Hamlin	2	3	3		309
Daniel Suarez	0	2	4		301
Austin Cindric	1	1	2		294
Kurt Busch	1	3	5		289
Chris Buescher	0	0	3		275
Michael McDowell	0	0	5		274
Bubba Wallace	0	1	2		272
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	5		267

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 1, Tampa Bay 0
June 1: N.Y. Rangers 6-2.
Friday: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Tuesday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-June 9: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
x-June 11: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-June 14: at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Colorado 1, Edmonton 0
May 31: Colorado 8-6.
Thursday: at Colorado, late
Saturday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Monday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
x-June 8: at Colorado, TBA
x-June 10: at Edmonton, TBA
x-June 12: at Colorado, TBA

PLAYOFF SUMMARY									
TEAM	W	LOWOL	G	GA	DIF				
Colorado	9	2	2	1	51	33	18		
NY Rangers	9	6	1	2	54	44	10		
Tampa Bay	8	4	1	0	38	33	5		
Edmonton	8	5	1	1	58	45	13		
Carolina	7	7	1	0	37	40	-3		
St. Louis	6	6	1	1	40	38	2		
Calgary	5	7	1	1	35	39	-4		
Florida	4	6	2	0	23	32	-9		
Boston	3	4	0	0	20	24	-4		
Los Angeles	3	4	1	0	17	27	-10		
Toronto	3	4	0	1	24	23	1		
Dallas	3	4	0	1	14	15	-1		
Pittsburgh	3	4	1	1	29	28	1		
Minnesota	2	4	0	0	16	22	-6		
Washington	2	4	0	2	19	20	-1		
Nashville	0	4	0	1	9	21	-12		
Average	4.7	4.7	0.9	0.9	30.3	30.3	0		

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS									
POINTS	TEAM	G	A	PTS					
Connor McDavid	EDM	8	21	29					
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	7	21	28					
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	8	13	21					
Adam Fox	NYR	5	15	20					
Evander Kane	EDM	13	4	17					
Cale Makar	COL	4	12	16					
Nikita Kucherov	TBL	4	11	15					
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	9	6	15					
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	3	11	14					
Andrew Copp	NYR	6	7	13					
Zach Hyman	EDM	9	4	13					
Gabriel Landeskog	COL	7	6	13					
R. Nugent-Hopkins	EDM	5	8	13					
Artemi Panarin	NYR	5	8	13					
David Perron	STL	9	4	13					
Mikko Rantanen	COL	2	11	13					
Chris Kreider	NYR	9	3	12					
Ryan O'Reilly	STL	7	5	12					
Carter Verhaeghe	FLA	6	6	12					

SHOTS	TM	G	S	S/G
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	9	59	5.36
Zach Hyman	EDM	9	56	4.31
Evander Kane	EDM	13	53	4.08
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	3	52	4.33
Connor McDavid	EDM	8	50	3.85
Mika Zibanejad	NYR	8	48	3.20
Ryan Strome	NYR	2	45	3.00
Nikita Kucherov	TBL	4	44	3.67
Nazem Kadri	COL	6	43	3.91
Victor Hedman	TBL	2	42	3.50
David Perron	STL	9	42	3.50
Cale Makar	COL	4	41	3.73

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USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.




NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	6	1	0	.857	152	118
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	176	177
Michigan	1	6	0	.143	131	144
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143	92	164
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-Birmingham	7	0	0	1.000	188	125
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	167	128
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	125	154
Houston	1	6	0	.143	156	177

x-clinched playoff berth

WEEK 8									
FRIDAY'S GAME									
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 8p.m.									
SATURDAY'S GAME									
New Orleans at Birmingham, 3p.m.									

WEATHER




FRIDAY



Morning clouds and some showers, becoming partly sunny, chance for a PM shower or thunderstorm.

HIGH 75°
LOW 57°




SATURDAY



Mostly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 76°
LOW 51°




SUNDAY



Mostly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 78°
LOW 56°




MONDAY



Partly sunny and mild.

HIGH 78°
LOW 56°

TUESDAY




Mostly cloudy, a couple showers are possible.

HIGH 76°
LOW 59°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

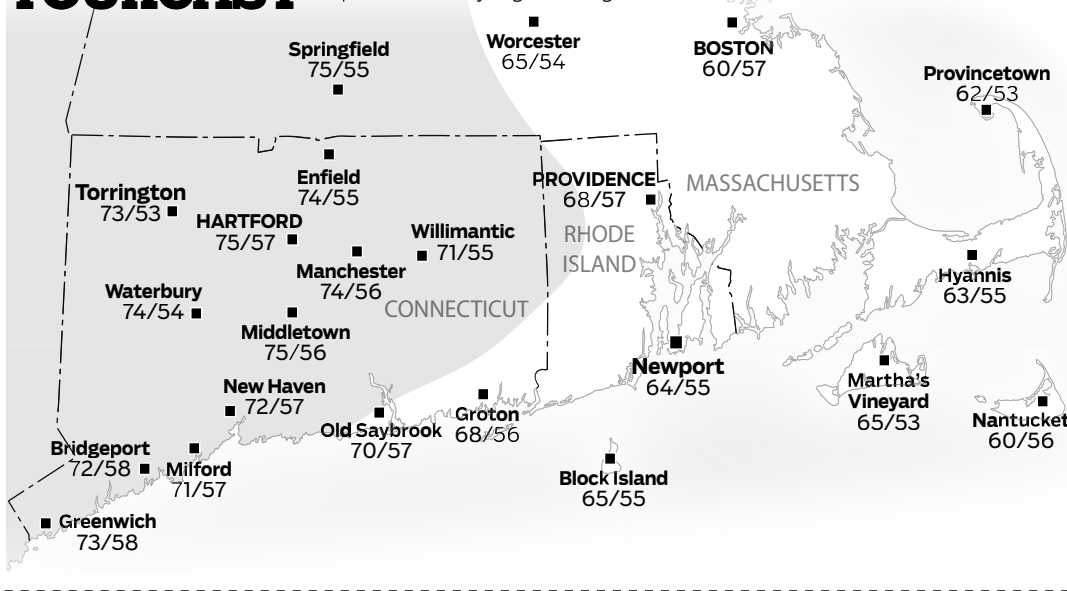
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



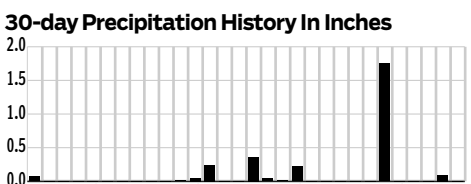
OUTLOOK

A weak frontal system will pass by to the south of Connecticut on Friday, while a trough of low pressure will cross the state. The combination of the two will result in morning clouds and some scattered showers, then high pressure will ridge into the region during the afternoon allowing some sunshine to develop, but a shower or a thunderstorm will be possible. Temperatures will be close to seasonable levels with highs in the 70s. High pressure will dominate this weekend with a mostly sunny sky. Highs will be in the mid-70s, while overnight lows will be in the low to mid-50s.

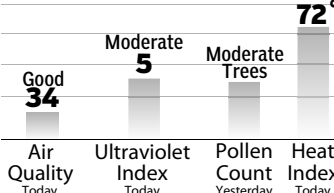
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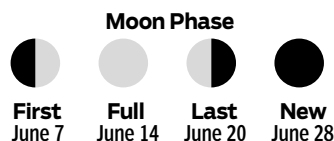
Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.02 0.15
Month to date	0.09 0.30
Total this year	17.67 18.19
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks	



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:18 a.m.	5:17 a.m.
Sunset	8:20 p.m.	8:21 p.m.
Moonrise	8:23 a.m.	9:24 a.m.
Moonset	a.m.	12:07 a.m.



AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	67 49 C
Burlington	75 53 PC
Caribou	65 48 SH
Concord	68 48 SH
Montpelier	70 47 C
Mt. Wash.	48 36 C
Portland	60 50 SH
Woods Hole	65 54 C

NATION

Albany	78 54 PC
Albuquerque	90 60 PC
Atlantic City	80 56 PC

Baltimore

Baltimore	81 56 PC
Bismarck	73 43 S
Boise	81 56 PC
Buffalo	71 50 PC
Charleston	91 71 PC
Cincinnati	79 54 PC
Cleveland	76 51 PC
Indianapolis	79 55 PC
Jacksonville	93 70 PC
Las Vegas	100 76 S
Miami Beach	81 77 T
Milwaukee	73 50 PC
San Diego	69 63 PC

Nashville

Nashville	83 57 PC
New Orleans	87 73 PC
New York	76 63 PC
Okla. City	78 61 PC
Omaha	78 59 PC
Orlando	92 73 PC
Pittsburgh	76 51 PC
Raleigh	84 63 C
St. Louis	83 64 PC
Salt Lake City	85 60 PC
San Antonio	93 74 PC
San Diego	69 63 PC

San Juan

San Juan	90 78 PC
Tucson	101 69 S

WORLD

Amsterdam	72 52 S
Athens	90 73 S
Bangkok	95 81 T
Barbados	86 75 PC
Beijing	93 72 C
Beirut	80 66 PC
Berlin	77 57 PC
Bermuda	79 72 SH

Budapest

Budapest	84 62 PC
Buenos Aires	55 48 C
Cairo	95 72 S
Cancun	84 72 T
Dubai	109 90 S
Dublin	59 50 SH
Edinburgh	60 43 PC
Helsinki	64 50 SH
Hong Kong	88 82 SH
Istanbul	82 64 PC
Jerusalem	84 68 S
Johannesburg	64 43 S
Singapore	93 77 T

Kingston

Kingston	86 77 C
Lisbon	70 59 R
London	72 54 PC
Madrid	82 57 PC
Mexico City	95 71 S
Milan	84 68 R
Montreal	75 57 SH
Moscow	72 54 R
Nassau	88 72 T
New Delhi	108 81 S
Paris	81 63 T
Prague	79 61 C
Rio de Janeiro	73 63 SH
Rome	95 68 C
Seoul	90 68 C
Singapore	93 77 T

Stockholm

Stockholm	63 47 SH
Sydney	63 46 SH
Tel Aviv	81 62 PC
Tokyo	81 61 SH
Toronto	73 50 SH
Vancouver	61 54 R
Warsaw	73 54 S

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class M—Second Round
Upper Bracket
SUFFIELD 8, LEDYARD 4
L 000-004-0—4-10-2
S 300-050-X—8-8-0
WP: Nick Gomes. LP: Robert Campbell.
Rec.: S—13-8; L—10-12. Note: Gomes was 8strikeouts. Austin Dultz was 3-for-3with 2triples, 3RBI and Matt Sinosky was 2-for-4with a double, 2 RBI.

SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Second Round
Upper Bracket
TRUMBULL 2, GLASTONBURY 1 (10)
T 000-100-000-1—2-9-0
G 000-010-000-0—1-7-2
WP: B Sexton. LP: Brooke Tracy. HR: G—Tracy. Rec.: T—17-5; G—19-3. Note: Tracy struck out 16and was 3-for-4with a home run and 2doubles.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS MM CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10 teams: 1. Windsor, 91; 2. Hand, 70; 3. Law, 65; 4. Wethersfield, 59.5; 5. Avon, 54; 6. E.O. Smith, 42; 7. Guilford, 33; 8. Rockville, 29; 9. East Lyme, 28.5; 10. RHAM, 28.
100 meters: 1. Justin Dawkins, Windsor, 11.30.
200: 1. Justin Dawkins, Windsor, 22.54.
400: 1. Thomas Bretthauer, Law, 50.63.
800: 1. Carver Morgan, Avon, 1:57.54.
1,600: 1. Carver Morgan, Avon, 4:23.22.
3,200: 1. Liam Calhoun, RHAM, 9:32.81.
110hurdles: 1. Paul Netland III, Avon, 14.93.
300hurdles: 1. Jackson Warters, Law, 39.75.
4x100relay: 1. Law (Gabe Garnett, Thomas Bretthauer, Dimitri Barnes, Shane Pritchard), 43.50.
4x400: 1. Avon (Isiah Adams, Adarsh Rajamanickam, Jevonte Eaves, Carver Morgan), 3:27.55.
4x800: 1. E.O. Smith (Jacob Robinson-Smey, Evan Boland, Matthew Enright, Jack Mattingly), 8:00.67.
Long jump: 1. Grant Harris, Windsor, 22-0.5.
Triple jump: 1. Holden Speed, Wethersfield, 44-8.5.
High jump: 1. Dar Jankovic, E.O. Smith, 6-2.
Pole vault: 1. Aidan King, Law, 13-0.
Javelin: 1. Dominic Salato, East Haven, 154-11.
Discus: 1. Keenan Lamontagne, Woodstock Academy, 162-4.
Shot put: 1. Yousef Gebril, North Haven, 48-0.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS MM CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10 teams: 1. Windsor, 106.5; 2. Hillhouse, 80; 3. Barlow, 75; 4. Bethel, 74.5; 5. East Lyme, 61.75; 6. Berlin, 49; 7. Woodstock Academy, 28.5; 8. Guilford, 28; 9. Brookfield, 25; 10. East Haven, 22.
100meters: 1. Emily Mulhern, Barlow, 12.62.
200: 1. Emily Mulhern, Barlow, 25.82.
400: 1. Olivia Walters, Brookfield, 58.13.
800: 1. Ava Graham, Bethel, 2:20.77.
1,600: 1. Ava Graham, Bethel, 5:11.57.
3,200: 1. Yee-Ying Ng, Bethel, 11:22.83.
100hurdles: 1. Mariella Schweitzer, Barlow, 14.96.
300hurdles: 1. Mariella Schweitzer, Barlow, 44.87.
4x100relay: 1. Barlow (Emma Borgeault, Sedonia Holub, Jenna Najjar, Emily Mulhern), 49.31.
4x400: 1. Brookfield (Margaret McGuire, Ruby Cofone, Hailey Morales, Olivia Walters), 4:05.94.
4x800: 1. Windsor (Malia Alabre, Brittani Westberry, Alexa Overstreet,

Casey Krapalis), 9:43.30.
Long jump: 1. Mariella Schweitzer, Barlow, 17-2.25.
Triple jump: 1. Kristen Kozlowski, Berlin, 34-3.5.
High jump: 1. Isabella Taccogna, Stratford, 5-0.
Pole vault: 1. Talia Graham, Bethel, 11-6.
Javelin: 1. Alice Stettinger, East Haven, 120-5.
Discus: 1. Olivia O'Connor, Hillhouse, 129-10.
Shot put: 1. Olivia O'Connor, Hillhouse, 39-0.

THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Second Round
Lower Bracket
MALONEY 9, WILCOX TECH 3
Class M—Second Round
Upper Bracket
SHEEHAN 6, WESTON 5

SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class M—Second Round
Upper Bracket
WOLCOTT 10, STONINGTON 1

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Quarterfinal
Lower Bracket
NEW CANAAN 18, SOUTH WINDSOR 1
BOYS GOLF
ECC
ECC CHAMPIONSHIP (SHENNECOSSETT GC, GROTON)
Team results: 1. Killingly, 317; 2. Woodstock Academy, 326; 3. Bacon Academy, 336; 4. Stonington, 339; 5. NFA, 340; 6. East Lyme, 341; 7. Wheeler, 348; 8. Fitch and Waterford, 352; 10. Montville, 365; 11. Tourtellotte, 393; 12. Plainfield, 418; 13. Griswold, 446; 14. Windham, 454.
Top 5 individuals: 1. Harrison Giam-battista, Killingly, 73; 2. Kyle Brennan, Woodstock Academy, 74; 3. Cameron Seiffert, Killingly, 76; 4. Wilson Lathau-way, Bacon Academy and Owen Luriza, Waterford, 79.

GIRLS GOLF

SCC
SCC CHAMPIONSHIP (ORONOQUE CC, STRATFORD)
Team results: 1. Amity, 387; 2. Lauralton Hall, 389; 3. Cheshire, 403; 4. Hand, 447; 5. Mercy, 483.
Medalist: Ava Gross, Amity, 78.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS M CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10 teams: 1. Stonington, 76; 2. Lewis Mills and Tolland, 54; 4. Ellington, 47; 5. Prince Tech, 45; 6. Woodland, 42; 7. Haddam-Killingworth, 41; 8. Bacon Academy, 35; 9. Suffield, 34; 10. Weston, 33.
100meters: 1. Roberto DaCosta, St. Joseph, 11.22.
200: 1. Michael Johnson, Lewis Mills, 22.27.
400: 1. Vincent Sivo, Ellington, 49.52.
800: 1. Jeremy Rivera, Prince Tech, 1:58.61.
1,600: 1. Luke Stoeffer, Tolland, 4:19.82.
3,200: 1. Luke Stoeffer, Tolland, 9:35.91.
110hurdles: 1. Michael Johnson, Lewis Mills, 14.35.
300hurdles: 1. Michael Johnson, Lewis Mills, 39.47.
4x100relay: 1. Sheehan (Jelan Kollije, Paul Burkett, Lucas Leon-Barreiro, Kyle Frazier), 43.79.
4x400: 1. Ellington (Divyesh Paladugu, Joshua Wilkie, Nicholas Martino, Vincent Sivo), 3:27.29.
4x800: 1. Stonington (Anders Dahl, Jason Morse, Ryan Orr, Ryan Gruczka), 8:11.54.

Long jump: 1. Jayden Villafane, Windham, 22-0.5.
Triple jump: 1. Jayden Villafane, Windham, 44-7.75.
High jump: 1. Avery Cipicic, Suffield, 6-0.
Pole vault: 1. Jason Ouellette, Seymour, 12-0.
Javelin: 1. Joshua Mooney, Stonington, 167-11.
Discus: 1. Jake Martino, Bacon Academy, 136-1.
Shot put: 1. Craig Gnatek, Suffield, 43-6.5.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CIAC State Tournaments
CLASS M CHAMPIONSHIP (WILLOW BROOK PARK, NEW BRITAIN)
Top 10 teams: 1. Sheehan, 125.5; 2. Weston, 110; 3. Woodland, 48; 4. Lauralton Hall, 39; 5. SHA, 38; 6. Tolland, 36; 7. Ledyard, 32.14; 8. Lewis Mills and Haddam-Killingworth, 28; 10. Weaver, 24.
100meters: 1. Jalena Martin, Ellington, 12.43.
200: 1. Anna-Sashia Jones, Weaver, 25.47.
400: 1. Avery Winters, Sheehan, 58.69.
800: 1. Calista Mayer, Tolland, 2:17.43.
1,600: 1. Chloe Poulos, Woodland, 5:03.89.
3,200: 1. Abigail Miles, Weston, 11:13.97.
100hurdles: 1. Amanda Castaldi, Sheehan, 15.53.
300hurdles: 1. Patrice Mansfield, Sheehan, 47.25.
4x100relay: 1. Sheehan (Patrice Mansfield, Amanda Castaldi, Maya Wresien, Avery Winters), 48.61.
4x400: 1. Weston (Keira Seibert, Elli-son Weiner, Sophia Taylor, Kathleen Saussy), 4:06.23.
4x800: 1. Weston (Caitlyn McKiernan, Charlotte Carter, Rian Goertz, Kathleen Saussy), 9:38.94.
Long jump: 1. Shea Greene, Weston, 17-0.25.
Triple jump: 1. Laci Davis, Woodland, 36-8.25.
High jump: 1. Samantha Faull, Nonnewaug, 4-10.
Pole vault: 1. Ellison Weiner, Weston, 10-0.
Javelin: 1. Shea Greene, Weston, 124-5.
Discus: 1. Darla Jagrosse, Sheehan, 120-2.
Shot put: 1. Marina Perry, Rocky Hill, 37-0.75.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket
AMITY 4, ENFIELD 3
Lower Bracket
WESTHILL 7, GLASTONBURY 0
Class M—Quarterfinal
Upper Bracket
AVON 7, BRANFORD 0
Class S—Quarterfinal
GRANBY 4, STONINGTON 3
GIRLS TENNIS
CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Quarterfinal
DARIEN 4, STAPLES 2
Class L—Quarterfinal
Upper Bracket
NORTH HAVEN AT AVON, LATE
Class S
Quarterfinals
WESTBROOK 6, SHEPAUG 1
HOLY CROSS 6, GRANBY 1
Semifinal
OLD LYME 6, LITCHFIELD 1
FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
SOFTBALL
CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL
Second Round
Upper Bracket: No. 12Cheshire (16-5) at No. 5Bristol Central (18-3), 10a.m. Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8West Haven (18-4) at No. 1Danbury (20-1), 3:30p.m. Lower Bracket: No. 10Maloney (17-5) at

No. 2Southington (21-1), 4:30p.m.; No. 6Hall (18-3) at No. 3Fairfield Ludlowe (21-1), 1:30p.m.
Class L—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 9St. Joseph (17-5) at No. 1Masuk (20-1), 3:30p.m.; No. 21Bristol Eastern (12-10) at No. 4East Haven (20-2), 4:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7Waterford (18-4) at No. 2Ellington (19-2), 4p.m.; No. 14Fitch (14-8) at No. 6Avon (18-4), 3p.m.
Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Wolcott (17-4) at No. 1Woodland (21-0), 4p.m.; No. 12Watertown (15-7) at No. 4Northwestern (19-2), 4p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 26Sheehan (10-12) at No. 18Seymour (13-9), 7p.m.; No. 6Oxford (19-3) at No. 3Haddam-Killingworth (19-2), 3p.m.
Class S—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 24Hale-Ray (11-11) at No. 1Cromwell (19-2), 3:30p.m.; No. 5Old Lyme (17-5) at No. 4Lyman Memorial (17-4), 4p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 15North Branford (15-7) at No. 7Shepaug (15-5), 3p.m.; No. 6Somers (17-5) at No. 3Conventry (18-3), 4p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 9Greenwich (10-3) at No. 1Darien (16-0), 4p.m.; No. 12Cheshire (13-5) at No. 4Wilton (14-3), 5p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 10Ridgefield (13-4) at No. 2Newtown (15-1), 5p.m.
Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8East Lyme (13-4) at No. 1Guilford (16-1), noon; No. 5Masuk (14-3) at No. 4Sheehan (14-3), 6:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 15St. Joseph (11-7) at No. 10Hand (11-6), 5p.m.; No. 14Fitch (11-7) at No. 11Barlow (12-6), 6p.m.
Class S—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Canton (12-5) at No. 1Weston (16-1), 5p.m.; No. 5Granby (13-4) at No. 4New Fairfield (13-3), 5 p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7North Branford (13-4) at No. 2Old Saybrook (16-1), 4 p.m.; No. 14Lauralton Hall (10-8) at No. 6Stonington (13-4), 1:30p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Newtown (15-5) at No. 1Darien (20-0), 6p.m.; No. 5Enfield (16-3) at No. 4Ridgefield (16-2), 5p.m.
Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Newington (13-8) at No. 1Barlow (20-0), 6p.m.; No. 5Cheshire (15-6) at No. 4Xavier (15-6), 6p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7South Windsor (12-6) at No. 2Farmington (16-5), 2:30 p.m.; No. 6Masuk (14-7) at No. 3New Canaan (13-5), 5:15p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Semifinals
No. 8Amity (15-4) at No. 5Staples (15-2), 3p.m.
No. 6Westhill (15-2) at No. 2Greenwich, 3p.m.
Class L—Semifinal
No. 3Darien (16-1) at No. 2Hand (19-1), 3p.m.
No. 12New Canaan (10-7) at No. 1East Lyme (15-0), 3p.m.
Class M—Semifinals
No. 5Weston (15-4) at No. 1Avon (19-0), 3p.m.
No. 11Berlin (11-6) at No. 7Barlow (12-4), 4p.m.
Class S—Semifinals
No. 3Westbrook (16-2) at No. 2Granby (15-1), noon
No. 16Suffield (10-5) at No. 5Shepaug (13-2), noon

GIRLS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Semifinals
No. 12Wilton (14-5) at No. 1Amity (19-0), 3p.m.
Class L—Semifinals
No. 3Newington (16-3) at No. 2Barlow

(14-2), 2:30p.m.
No. 5Guilford (17-5) vs. North Haven/Avon winner, 3p.m.
Class M—Semifinals
No. 5Weston (14-3) at No. 1Stonington (17-1), 1:30p.m.
No. 15Hand (14-6) at No. 6Valley Regional (14-3), 3p.m.
Class S—Semifinal
No. 3Westbrook (17-2) at No. 2Holy Cross (16-1), 3p.m.

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Danbury (18-4) at No. 1Xavier (20-2), 1p.m.; No. 5Newington (19-3) at No. 4Southington (19-3), 2p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 15Staples (15-7) at No. 10Trumbull (16-6), 2p.m.; No. 11Glastonbury (16-6) at No. 3Fairfield Wardle (19-3), 12:30p.m.
Class L—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Lyman Hall (15-7) at No. 1Windsor (21-1), noon; No. 29Middletown (10-12) at No. 12Hand (14-8), noon
Lower Bracket: No. 15East Lyme (13-9) at No. 10Maloney (14-8), 2p.m.; No. 14Notre Dame-West Haven (13-9) at No. 6Wethersfield (17-5), 11a.m.
Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 17Sheehan (14-8) at No. 8Killingly (16-6), noon; No. 21Suffield (13-8) at No. 4Barlow (19-3), 3p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7Woodland (17-5) at No. 2Northwestern (20-2), 11a.m.; No. 19Law (14-8) at No. 11Waterford (15-7), 3:30p.m.
Class S—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 9North Branford (15-7) at No. 1St. Paul (22-0), 4p.m.; No. 20Northwest Catholic (12-10) at No. 12Immaculate (14-8), 2:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7Oxford (16-6) at No. 2Valley Regional (20-2), 1p.m.; No. 22Old Lyme (12-10) at No. 3Somers (18-4), noon

SOFTBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL—Quarterfinal
Upper Bracket: No. 13Trumbull (17-5) at Cheshire/Bristol Central winner, time TBA

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Greenwich (12-5) at No. 1Darien (15-1), 2p.m.; No. 5Fairfield Prep (12-4) at No. 4New Milford (14-3), 3p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7Fairfield Ludlowe (12-5) at No. 2Staples (15-2), 3p.m.; No. 11New Canaan (11-6) at No. 3Ridgefield (14-3), 3p.m.
Class M—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 9Barlow (12-5) at No. 1Cheshire (15-2), 3p.m.; No. 5Hand (14-3) at No. 4Wilton (14-3), 1:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 15Avon (11-7) at No. 10Notre Dame-West Haven (12-5), 3 p.m.; No. 6Wethersfield (13-3) at No. 3East Catholic (14-2), 12:30p.m.
Class S—Quarterfinals
Upper Bracket: No. 8Haddam-Killingworth (13-4) at No. 1Waterford (14-3), 4 p.m.; No. 5Weston (13-4) at No. 4Sheehan (13-4), 2:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 7Northwest Catholic (13-4) at No. 2Ellington (14-3), 3p.m.; No. 6Somers (13-4) at No. 3Canton (13-3), 3p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Quarterfinal
Lower Bracket: No. 11Conard (12-6) at No. 3Trumbull (19-2), 5p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
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